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West ignores terrorist action

by Andrew MacLeod and Alisa Gordaneer

Since 1975, when Mozambique gained its independence from Portugal, the South African government has attempted to destabilize the country using terrorist forces.

Although Mozambique's ruling party, FRELIMO, has made efforts to improve conditions in the country, the improvements are under continual threat from the South African-backed terrorist organization, RENAMO.

The country, which was largely supported by economic aid from Eastern Europe, has been trying to rebuild itself since 1975.

"When the Portugese left, they left two Mozambiquan doctors for the entire country. They wrecked factories, burned fields, uprooted railways, then said, 'Why can't these people run a country?' They didn't have a country to run," said Hugh McCullum, a journalist who is currently stationed in Zimbabwe, and was recently part of a Canadian observer mission to Mozambique.

McCullum described a country where 90 per cent of the population live in absolute poverty, and disease runs rampant.

Diseases of poverty like dysentry, malaria and cholera, as well as AIDS, are common.

The hospitals aren't able to cope, he said. One hospital tries to maintain sixty beds, and treat six hundred outpatients a day, on $11,000 per year.

The hospitals lack electrical power, mattresses, and sheets, he said. In some, all they have to treat pain are two bottles of aspirin in the medicine cabinet. "They can't even afford to feed the patients."

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These problems are compounded by RENAMO's guerrilla attacks on Mozambique's people and countryside.

"RENAMO has no political ideology at all. They are a bandit organization, started by Rhodesians and turned over to South Africans. The only thing in it for RENAMO is that their leaders get rich," said McCullum.

McCullum said the American right-wing also contributes money to RENAMO. "The Heritage Foundation contributes with lawyers and position papers," he said.

"They justify it on the basis that FRELIMO is still a communist party, although constitutionally, it isn't." he said.

"On Sept. 29 RENAMO bandits went into Lahal in northwest Mozambique and slaughtered 1000 people. They cut off their heads and put them on shop shelves and left them there," he said.

This act of terrorism was not covered in the Western press.

"The world doesn't talk about it. There are no fulltime foreign journalists based in Mozambique. The phone lines and telexes don't work. Once in a while, someone goes in and tries to get the story.

"If 1000 white people got their heads cut off and put on a shelf, you can bet every journalist in the world would be there," said McCullum.

RENAMO's terrorist actions are backed by South Africa, a tactic designed to make Mozambique more dependent on foreign aid.

"Mozambique has all the potential in the world to be self-sufficient and provide everything for its people," said McCullum.

The country has 1400 miles of seacoast and extremely rich agricultural land. But because the country has been in a state of war for 15 years, there is widespread starvation.

Internally, the country has the potential to survive and thrive, and apartheid is disappearing.

"Petty apartheid is pretty well gone. Separate washrooms are gone. It's practiced in rural areas, but it's practiced illegally," said McCullum.

The only thing in it for RENAMO is that their leaders get rich.

"Some of the more progressive newspapers have named the doctors, or the hospitals, or the restaurants that still practice apartheid."

However, newspaper coverage of black issues in southern Africa is "in some ways analogous to the native situation here — as though these are peripheral issues," said McCullum.

Support for Mozambique's people is unstable. "The Portugese left very little to work with, and Mozambique got lots of help from Eastern Europe. When Eastern Europe collapsed, much of Mozambiquan aid collapsed with it."

McCullum hopes countries like Canada will use their influence to force a cease fire. "Canada could say one of the conditions of lifting sanctions on South Africa is to stop supplying RENAMO with arms, logistics, and officers."❑

Consumer advocate coming to town

by Chris Peters

Ralph Nader, consumer guru and protector of public interests, will lecture Victorians next week.

Nader will talk about how consumers can become more actively involved in protecting their rights, as well as discussing how the quality of jobs, environment, food, security, and life in North America will be affected by trilateral free trade agreements.

And of course, he'll drop a few thoughts on what citizens and consumers can do to provide greater safety for themselves.

Ralph Nader, a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, has travelled around the world as a freelance journalist, cooked for the U.S. Army, and been a storefront lawyer.

Nader draws from a great collection of evidence of American corporations' uncaring attitude towards the global effects of their actions.

Nader raised consumer consciousness in the late 60s by successfully challenging the General Motors Corporation on the road safety of the Chevrolet Corvair.

In 1971, Nader founded a network of consumer lobby groups called Public Citizen Inc., and in doing so established an awareness for consumer justice.

He also started the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), an organization that works for political and consumer change. PIRGs have since appeared across North America, with the Vancouver Island PIRG based at UVic.

After writing *Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-in Dangers of the American Automobile* (1965), Nader lobbied for Auto Safety Legislation in the United States, and was influential in the development of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Freedom of Information Act, and airbags and seatbelts as safety features in new cars.

Many of these issues will be discussed in his lecture, which will be followed by an open forum. The talk will take place at 8 p.m. in the University Centre Auditorium, on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

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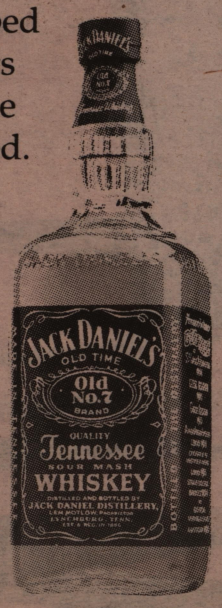

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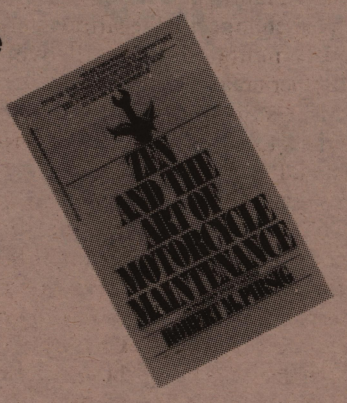

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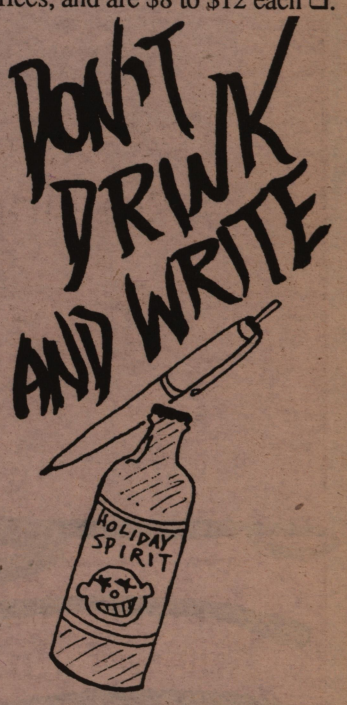

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Small allowance raise a big bonus for families

by James MacKinnon

It's not a lot, but an increase in the Christmas Allowance for B.C.'s income assistance recipients might represent better times to come.

Social Services Minister Joan Smallwood announced Nov. 18 an average 10 per cent increase in the allowance which will vary according to family size.

Families will receive $7 more per child than the unchanged rate of $70 for childless families. Single persons will receive $30, an increase of two dollars.

Lori Mist of the ministry's Income Assistance Division said the increase came "because it hadn't been raised in a while."

First established in the early 1940s, the allowance's last raise was a 10 per cent increase in 1986, half way through a decade which saw a dramatic increase in the number of people on income assistance, said Mist.

The province's monetary committment to the bonus will increase significantly. "Last year alone we spent over $5 million," said Mist, adding the total payment increase will easily exceed $500,000.

Mist said the raise is being welcomed. "Response has been very favourable because we are targetting it to families with children," she said.

She added it is too early to anticipate hikes to other income assistance rates.

Susan Noakes, advocacy coordinator for Together Against Poverty Society, said the increase may reflect a better attitude in government, but the allowance as a whole continues to be insufficient.

"It's the start of recognizing if you have more than one child you will have more expenses. In terms of the overall figure, it's still too low," she said.

Noakes said the focus on children could influence other policies. Presently, people receiving income assistance receive a base rate for shelter and support. Some exemptions and bonuses are available, such as an exemption of $100 for maintenance, a figure unchanged by the number of children in a family.

The change in the allowance requirements could "spill over into other areas," she said.

Mist said the holiday boost attempts to alleviate the enormous financial and psychological pressures that accompany the season.

Under ministry guidelines, a parent considered employable with a child will receive, as a base, $352 support and up to $485 for shelter. The Christmas Allowance will bring the family's total monthly income for December to $914. ❑

Fewer women report assaults, but more property under attack

by Theresa Newhouse and Sarah deLeeuw

UVic is now a safe place if you're a woman, but not if you're a bike; if statistics in Traffic and Security's biannual crime prevention bulletin are to be believed, that is.

Women feel reluctant to report cases since the striking of the Rape Shield Law.

The publication lists reported campus crime statistics from Jan. 1 to the end of October 1991.

Ken Marrison, assistant manager of Traffic and Security, said the document represents reports either directly to Traffic and Security or the police. "We try to catch any crimes that fall through the cracks."

So far this year, $2,000 worth of bicycle parts have been stolen, as well as 37 bicycles with a combined value of $24,000. Ten bicycles have been recovered. There have also been six car thefts.

There have been 58 reported thefts of UVic property, with a value of $24,000. Excluding car thefts, the monetary cost of crime on campus totals $110,927, with $28,187 recovered.

According to this list there have been no rapes or sexual assaults during this period.

The last reported rape or sexual assault on campus was in May 1990.

Nettie Hayter, a member of the UVic Women's Centre, said this was because women feel reluctant to report cases since the striking of the rape shield law. "The women are on trial now," she said.

The Rape Shield Law protected rape victims from questions about their sexual history. "Since the court can view a three year old as sexually agressive what must they think of a woman with a sexual history," said Hayter.

This could cause rapes and sexual assaults to go unreported she said, adding no reports came in to the Women's Center during this period, either.

Hayter pointed out sexual harassment isn't considered a crime, and the Equity Issues Office deals with these cases. The Equity Issues Office publishes information about on campus sexual harassment annually.

Traffic and Security encourages people to use the Campus Escort Service. The bulletin reports the service has been used over 800 times in 1991.❑

SUB expansion stalled

by Derek McNaughton and James MacKinnon

Students dreaming of an expanded Student Union Building will have to sleep in a little longer.

UVic administration officials are tangling a necessary requirement study for the expansion into a ball of bureaucratic red tape.

"We've been waiting five months for the requirement study," Oona Padgham, UVic Student Society chair, said Tuesday. "We've done our part. We were told the study would be ready to go any day now—that was two weeks ago."

The study, carried out by administration and two representatives from the UVSS, determines the length, width and height of the new structure and the materials necessary to build it.

UVSS representatives Marty Jamieson and Tom McReynolds are ready to go, but the administration is having trouble getting organized.

Trevor Matthews, vice president of administration, is responsible for setting up and implementing the study. He indicated to Padgham that UVic professor Peter Smith might chair the study.

Padgham said she was told the study was being held up while Smith considered accepting the position.

"I'm not holding it up," Smith said. Matthews asked him five weeks ago if he would chair the expansion committee, but Smith has received no official request or letter as yet. Padgham said he told her he was willing to take the

Matthews said the only real problem has been a frustrating lack of communication.

"The money is driving this project, so when you bring it along you have to bring it along with a costing approach.

"I realize it's been frustrating people like to see action, but we've truly just been swamped."

The main problem has not been securing Smith. "I asked him so long ago I felt obliged to go back and ask him again," said Matthews.

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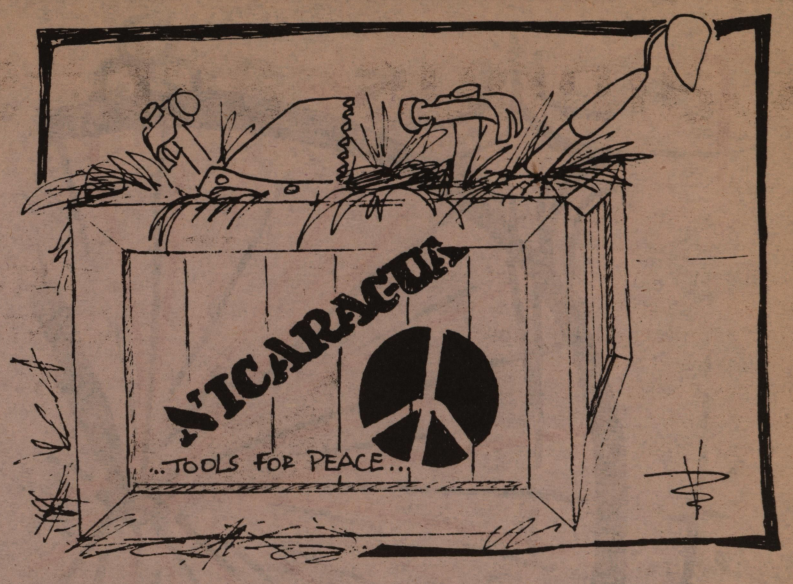

by Chris Vance

"Nicaragua is going through a crucial point in its history," and Tools for Peace plans to continue to defend the gains of the revolution, said Murray Riess, the group's B.C. coordinator.

Tools For Peace is a non-profit group which collects farming, medical, educational and other supplies and sends them by ship to Nicaragua to aid popular organizations.

Riess said Nicaragua's UNO (Union Nacional Organizacion) coalition government, elected in a general election in 1990, is unstable and hostile to the people, increasing concern Nicaragua may regress to the overt exploitation and widespread poverty experienced under dictator Anastasio Somoza's reign.

Somoza and his National Guard were overthrown by the Sandinista (FSLN) revolution of 1979.

The UNO coalition, the FSLN opposition, formerly exiled Somoza allies and their militarized faction the Recontras, and trade unions have been negotiating Nicaragua's economic future. The government is trying to qualify for World Bank and U.S. government loans, and the FSLN wants to defend the gains of the revolution. The Recontras are pressing for a return to pre-FSLN policy, and the unions are fighting for workers' rights.

International observers have recorded the extensive use of torture under Somoza.

Riess said a common frustration of Nicaraguans is that "all the agreements made with the government have been broken [by the government]."

Workers are asserting their interests regardless of the chance of betrayal, sporadically engaging in standoffs with old private owners and Recontras, he said.

Workers feel disenfranchised by any demands for arbitration, even when demanded by the FSLN's leader, and past Nicaraguan president, Daniel Ortega.

"Ortega has the right to issue appeals to workers or anyone else, even to Martians, but our position is not negotiable. We don't have faith in political agreements, but rather in the power of the workers," said Gustavo Pooras, a health worker.

Tools For Peace's Nov.12 'Nicaragua Update' reported five sugar mills were occupied by workers opposed to industry privitization, particularly the lucrative sugar industry.

"Violence broke out at the German Pomares mill when 300 strikebreakers attempted to forcibly remove strikers from the building; one was killed and at least 12 injured," the bulletin said.

A riot between police and supporting protesters outside the factory followed, and several infants were treated for tear gas inhalation.

Such situations are reminiscent of the Contra war, fought for most of the Sandinista's 1979-1990 rule.

The Contras were a U.S. proxy guerrilla army fighting to overthrow the Sandinista government, democratically elected in 1985 by over 60 per cent of the population.

The "established base of political democracy," Riess said, must be used for achieving "economic democracy, through worker control."

Numerous Nicaraguan popular organizations oppose the UNO government's definition of economic democracy: free enterprise.

Nicaragua is being devastated by 12,000 per cent annual inflation, 45 per cent acknowledged employment, 80 per cent "extreme poverty", and a $15 billion debt. Popular organizations argue free enterprise can cost poor Nicaraguans their jobs, food and ultimately their lives.

Inflation, unemployment and widespread poverty are "key conditions" to qualify for International Bank and U.S. government loans. These agencies encourage UNO policies like privatization and severe government cutbacks which fuel these problems.

Subsequently, cutbacks in daycare, housing, health spending, and education have been implemented.

Cutbacks to the judicial system have left courts unable to afford basic office supplies. Court clerks, and later judges, went on strike, completely paralyzing the court system, yet President Chamorro has deemed the newly appointed Supreme Court judges affordable, as they override any complaints of UNO bills being unconstitutional.

The Atlantic coast, one of Nicaragua's poorest areas, is especially vulnerable to fiscal restraint. "Economic priorities for export and privitization indicate a new phase of multinational exploitation of land and people," says a booklet published by various Canadian international development agencies and Central American solidarity groups.

The same booklet criticizes economic competition, prominent in the Bush administration's attempts to form a free-trade block from Alaska to Chile.

A "neo-liberal love-in", promoting privatization, laissez-faire capitalism, and elimination of social services encourages exploitation of the workers for the benefit of a small elite, the leaflet says.

With U.S. aid aimed at "depoliticizing" Nicaragua's schools, the UNO government distributed fundamentalist Christian texts promoting subservience in women, and presenting the theory of human creation as fact. Large public book burnings were common in 1990 to destroy Sandinista textbooks.

The Sandinistas reformed a private Somozista school in Managua into a free agricultural university. Eighty per cent of the students are veterans of the Revolution and/or the Contra war. The education cutbacks were expected by the University; one month before the 1990 election the school declared autonomy from the state, and as soon as UNO was elected the students and faculty protested the loss of support. The strike initiated the massive general strike which paralyzed the country

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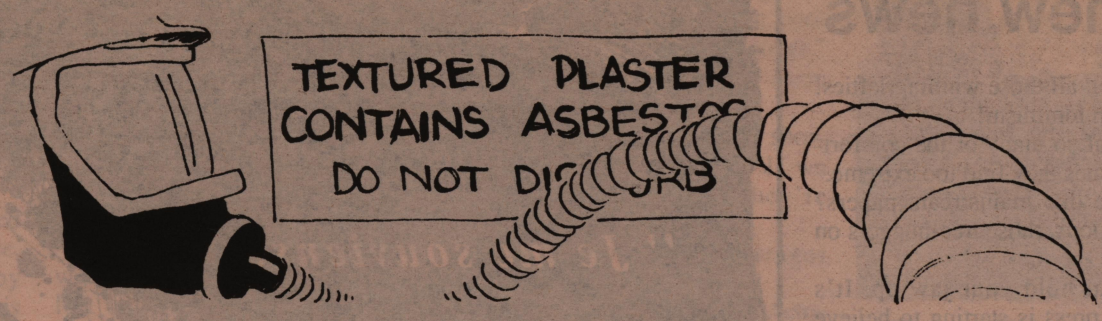
Campus asbestos risks disturbing

by James MacKinnon



After over five years of assessing and managing asbestos containing materials on campus, Buildings and Grounds manager Jim Pearce holds up his fingers, a tiny space between them, and says he knows "that much" about the material.

Asbestos and materials which contain it are the centre of a public safety controversy which has proven only two things: under certain circumstances, asbestos can cause fatal diseases, and no one knows quite how.

Concern about asbestos containing materials (ACMs) on campus has accompanied the placing of approximately 400 signs on acoustical plasters in UVic buildings.

The signs are the latest in an ongoing asbestos control policy at UVic, where ACMs have a long history.

Pearce said most campus ACMs were installed before 1975, and have rarely been used since.

"Asbestos is only being used now where its unique properties can overcome a very difficult problem," usually involving high temperature piping, he said.

No accurate ACM inventory was done until early in 1988, when a consulting firm compiled an extensive report on plasters,

Many campus buildings contain ACMs, but students are exposed to them in only five.

mechanical insulation, boiler breaching, pipes and pipe fittings, ceiling and flooring materials, grouts, and several other materials which may contain asbestos.

The inventory is periodically updated. The last routine update was completed in May 1990.

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Acoustical plaster, designed to diffuse sound while lowering fire risk, is present in the SUB, under stairwells in the Clearihue and Elliot buildings, in the MacLaurin building, and in Lansdowne residences.

Some of the plaster was removed from the Lansdowne residences, but it remains in some lounges and suites in the lower Carroll. Its removal, carried out by specialty contractors under strict safety guidelines, followed a concern about its disturbance, said Pearce.

"Students were engraving their initials in it and silly things like pushing bottle caps into it," he said.

Other than plasters, students have contact with asbestos-containing vinyl floors, which Pearce said are entirely safe.

"Because of the make-up of the floor, it is almost impossible to release any fibres," he said.

Workers' Compensation Board guidelines do not include the floors in their control and management guidelines, except to say "Care must be taken when cutting or grinding them."

The consulting firm's report and inventory indicate UVic's ACM management is well within existing safety regulations, though Pearce said "The evaluation is a very subjective evaluation."

This is because the plaster has an uneven distribution of asbestos fibres within it.

Pearce said sampling the plasters amounts to disturbing them, so as few as two samples were taken from each building.

Due to the plaster's non-homogenous nature, "If I took a test from one, it could be very different from another," he said.

None of the samples indicated the prevalence of asbestos to be dangerous. The plaster samples tended towards "the lower side of the one to 10 percent range" of asbestos content, said Pearce.

Air samples were also well within guidelines, and most buildings contain less than 0.004 fibres/ml. The highest reading of 0.005 fibres/ml is well below the WCB's danger zone minimum of 0.2 fibres/ml.

These levels, Pearce said, "might be the same as outside air."

Nonetheless, ACMs are not to be taken lightly, said Pearce. "If someone ran a hockey stick along the plaster or engraved their names in the fibres, they'd be endangering everyone," he said.

Any disturbance could boost the level of fibres inhaled, a particular danger to smokers, asthmatics, and respiratory allergy sufferers, whose lungs are more suceptible to entrainment of the fibres.

Presently, specialty contractors are brought in for all but the smallest of maintenance and repair work on ACMs, and extensive air and other tests are carried out before, during, and after any work is done.

"I wouldn't mind if our own staff was trained so we could handle some emergency techniques," said Pearce, adding such training would allow an immediate response in case of water damage or other disturbance.

Concern over public safety has some people wondering if it's worth managing the materials at all.

"Some people are starting to say it's cheaper in the long run to remove it. We should be very careful before we take that kind of risk . . . you can get carried away and start throwing away money," he said.

UVic is clearly well within safety guidelines. However, little is fully understood about asbestos, and the existing WCB guidelines state they are based on research for which "no current scientific consensus" exists.

Most of the asbestos in Canada, the world's foremost asbestos producer, is chrysotile, or white asbestos. Long held to be safer than amosite, or brown, asbestos, even this was called into question at a 1990 international conference, according to the Nov. 1991 issue of Z Magazine.

At UVic, amosite is used only on some high temperature vessels "behind locked doors in mechanical rooms," where it is marked with plastic tags.

Asbestos fibres can cause lung cancer, as well as two diseases for which it is the principal cause: asbestosis, or scarification of the lungs, and mesothelioma, a rare cancer of the chest or abdominal lining which is almost always fatal.

Diagnosis of Diseases of the Chest, published by W.B. Saunders earlier this year, states "it is well known that the neoplasm [mesotheliomic tumour] can develop with minimal asbestos exposure and many years after the initial contact," and records 7 to 13 million cases per year of mesothelioma in the U.S. and Great Britain.

"There may be no threshold of asbestos burden below which there is no risk for the development of mesothelioma," but this fact has not been proven conclusively, it states.

The risk of death from asbestos in school buildings is lower than that of hurricanes or lightning.

The authors acknowledge chrysotile asbestos, though posing substantially less risk than amosite and other varieties, is often contaminated by more dangerous types.

The controversy surrounding the level and sort of exposure considered dangerous creates difficulties in asbestos regulation.

American regulations were shaped in part by the results of an Environmental Protection Agency commissioned study carried out by the Health Effects Institute's Asbestos Research affiliate. It was funded in half by the EPA, and in half by private funds.

According to the Z Magazine article, 95 per cent of the private funding came from asbestos manufacturers, insurers, and real estate operations. As well, the article said several members of the HEI-AR panel examining existing data have served as paid witnesses for asbestos companies.

The HEI-AR report stated ACMs in good condition posed little threat to building occupants, a conclusion supported, with certain reservations, by a study done by UBC's Department of Pathology.

The American Medical Association, with findings presented at a 1989 Harvard symposium on the health risks of asbestos, says the danger of death from asbestos is so small in comparison to such health threats as smoking that concern over its disposal is unwarranted.

Criticism of this position comes from Harvard medical researcher Dr. Christine Oliver, who found asbestosis in 33 per cent of 121 tested Boston school custodians.

She acknowledges the risk of death from asbestos in school buildings is lower than that of hurricanes or lightning, but said people deserve protection from invisible and controllable health threats.

Kelly Ablog-Morrant, director of health education and program services for the B.C. Lung Association, agrees. Excessive worry about asbestos is unnecessary, she said, but people should be concerned when there are no plans for removal of asbestos.

"A highly sensitive person can be affected even by the floor, the vinyl," she said.

Ablog-Morrant said she anticipates a slow tightening of restrictions on ACMs in Canada, probably in response to American regulations.

"I would think that Canada would follow, but we are always like that," she said.

In the past, Canada hasn't willingly followed. The Canadian Asbestos Institute, funded by government and industry, attempted to sue the U.S. for phase down efforts spurred by the EPA.

Present U.S. law is similar to the Canadian equivalent, but with more teeth. In the U.S., inspection and management of asbestos in schools is covered by federal law, while laws governing other public buildings vary from state to state. Some have few regulations, while others legislate the destruction of asbestos containing schools.

The closest Canadian approximation of the U.S. response was in Ontario, where the death of a school carpenter resulted in stiffer

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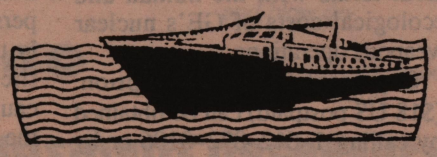

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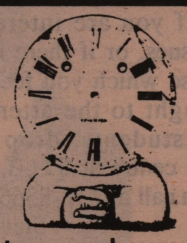

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editorial

No news is new news

Damn that student newspaper! Damn all those whining lefties! Bollocks to the ecofreaks! Ta heck with feminism!

Such, as usual, is the hue and cry of so many of the comfortably numb who would rather ignore issues they find too extreme.

Why can't student papers be more like mainstream papers? What are those women, those First Nations, those tree-huggers on about now?

Well, massage those muscles that hold your jaw up. It's astounding, but true. The mainstream press is starting to believe in - and lend column inches to - the issues.

Take, for example, a Dec. 3 cover story in the Globe and Mail. Yes, Canada's most read newspaper. Medical reporter Paul Taylor analyses female circumcision, a ritual common in some parts of central and northeastern Africa.

The circumcision involves slicing off the genitalia of young girls, generally without anesthetic. Many are accompanied by heightened disease risk and excruciating pain for much of their lives.

In effect, the women will never experience sex as pleasurable, and are reduced to the task of baby-making.

The information is nothing new to many women, and the complex cultural questions surrounding it have been discussed by feminists for years. The issue has been extensively covered in the alternative and student press. Now it's in the big leagues.

Other topics recently covered in the mainstream include a feminist analysis of the Marc Lepine incident, homosexual safe sex, and yes, various alternative uses for hemp products, which recently appeared on 60 Minutes.

It all seems natural now, but even five years ago many of these issues were untouched by mainstream media. And yet, evidence shows the issues existed way back then — evidence like articles in the student and alternative press.

Think about that while slagging this week's Martlet.

Student journalists will keep trying to find background for the mainstream's articles five years from now.

It's getting harder, but not by much.

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at editorial meetings, which happen every Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Martlet *office. Editorials are written by one or more staffers with input from all present at the meeting.*

The *Martlet* has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use *Martlet* machines), double spaced and include your name, student number and a phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 250 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Editors reserve the right to edit ruthlessly for length and libelous content. Deadline is Monday noon. Letters will be priorized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar.

To forgive is divine

Editors:

In the last few *Martlet* editions, there have been numerous assumptions about the Bible and the Christian faith. Firstly, I would like to address the claim that the Bible is not the inspired, inerrant word of God.

The Bible is completely consistent in its theme and messages. To give an idea of the probability of this occurring naturally, imagine asking ten people in different parts of Victoria to write an essay on the meaning of life. Would all ten people agree? Certainly not! However, the Bible was written by more than forty people over a span of more than 1000 years, in three different languages on three continents. This gives strong evidence of divine origin.

Secondly, I'd like to comment on the generalization that all Christians are hypocrites. Last year, during the Gulf War, it was strongly advocated we shouldn't judge all Islamic people by the actions of a few (ie Hussein). Why is this same consideration not given to Christians? Besides, you cannot hide behind another person's hypocrisy, the only hypocrisy for which you are responsible is your own.

I'd like to continue, but unlike Michael Rae, I'm not on *Martlet* staff, and am therefore limited to 250, as opposed to his letter of over 400 words. In respect to the Bible and Christianity, don't take my word for it, and certainly don't take Michael Rae's; find out the truth for yourself.

Stephen Newlove

Commit to committees

Editors:

Here's your chance to be a mover and a shaker. Numerous committees created by the both the University administration and the Students' Society still have openings for full time students.

University committees include:

Bookstore Advisory

Food Services Advisory

Orientation (involving information for new U–Vic students)

Students' Society committees include:

Retail Operations Divisional Advisory Committee

Support Services Divisional Advisory Committee

Entertainment and Promotions Divisional Advisory Committee

In addition, the Students' Society also organizes committees which are concerned with the following issues, all of which directly or indirectly affect students: loans and underfunding, sexism and homophobia, housing and transportation, and S.U.B. green plan. If you are interested in these issues, or if there is something else which you feel should be brought to the attention of U–Vic students, drop by the resource centre at S.U.B. 135, or give us a call at 721–8366.

Steve Fulker
Director, UVSS

Campus alcohol sell–out

Editors:

Concerning your article on "Fundraisers" in the Nov. 28th issue, I would like to take this opportunity to raise a couple of points concerning the "policy" of alcohol sales on campus.

I find it interesting that while Nathan Kushnir of Food Services says they don't make a profit from liquor sales, he even goes as far to state they lose money, Jim Griffiths, Director of Student and Ancillary Services acknowledges they do make a profit. With inconsistences like this how am I supposed to know who to believe if I need further information about the on campus alcohol "policy". There is a policy isn't there?

As for having to hire off campus bartenders, I am sure there are a few on campus students who have their "Serving It Right Card". Why aren't you hiring them? Certainly they could use the work.

David Everard
Theatre Course Union

A bloody good job

Editors:

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross society, and the ill and injured of our Province, I would like to thank everyone who worked to make our recent U–Vic blood donor clinics a success.

My applause sounds for the 832 people who signed up to be blood donors, for Martin Seeger and his ever helpful staff, for the Food Services people who help us recover from the donation process, for the Red Cross volunteers and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and for those in a surprising variety of support services whom we need to call upon.

Thank you so very much. We look forward to seeing you all at U–Vic in the spring.

Gail Richards
Program Consultant
Blood Donor Recruitment
Vancouver Island

Exclusion builds enmity

Editors:

I began reading the editorial of the most recent *Emily* with mounting enthusiasm. I was very excited by the thought of a column in the *Emily* which would accept letters from men.

My bubble burst very fast as it appeared the *Emily* collective had shut down the idea.

I find this very disturbing. I fully support the *Emily* as a forum for women to express themselves; however, I cannot support an organization which does not invite and consider outside criticism.

I hope the collective will reconsider their decision. Answering one man's questions publicly may affect the behaviour and thinking of many others.

In answer to the question from one of the collective, "Why print anything misogynist?" Because, if it can be clearly shown how it is misogynistic and why that is a bad thing, an ally will have been made, instead of an enemy retained.

Ruben Anderson

Dim bulbs build bombs

Editors:

Congratulations on putting your money where your mouth is with your boycott policy. May I add to your list General Electric and stores selling GE products (like the lowly lightbulb). GE is extensively involved in making components of nuclear bombs and their delivery systems.

Because of our concern for global health, Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War consider nuclear bombs, with their capacity to kill hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of innocent people, morally and rationally involved at every step of equipping governments with these genocidal devices.

INFACT, the corporate accountability group that led the boycott of Nestle, is leading the GE boycott. They have released a 30 minute documentary video entitled Deadly Deception – General Electric, Nuclear Weapons & Our Environment, dealing in powerful terms with the human and ecological costs of GE's nuclear weapons operations.

Copies of Deadly Deception ($18 US postpaid) can be obtained by calling 1–612–872–0106 or by contacting INFACT National Office, Box 70013, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

We are approaching Christmas, and the flurry of consumerism that engenders; what a fine time to avoid the purchase of GE products. And on those dark nights when your bulb burns out – don't buy a GE replacement. Better yet, tell the store why and ask them to join the GE boycott.

Silvia Schriever, M.D.
President, Victoria Chapter
Canadian Physicians for the
Prevention of Nuclear War

Can you see the difference?

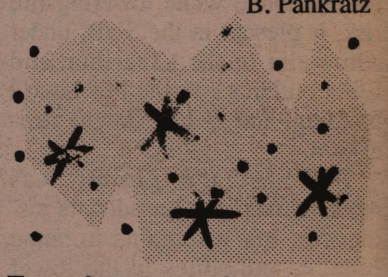
Editors:

An open letter to Robin Wait, Kathy Bleiker and Chris Dickson,

Thank–you for pointing out some of the logical inconsistancys in recent religious letters in the *Martlet*. It's letters like yours which can stimulate religious people, myself included, to think and re–examine our faith.

But be careful not to disregard the Christian faith merely because of what some Christians have done (referring to the "wars", the "deaths", the "sexism", the "prejudice", and the "racism"). There is a big difference between a Christian act and an act done by a Christian.

B. Pankratz



Examine your elevator habits

Editors:

I was in the Planetarium in Vancouver recently. The elevator was such that people walk in one side, and when the elevator stops, doors on the opposite side open and the people walk out. Every person who walked in immediately turned around to face the doors they just entered. They were caught completely off guard when the doors behind them opened for them to get off. But I wasn't, because I always stand backwards in an elevator. That is my signature of non–conformity. I know, there are several other things I could do, like jump up and down trying to break the elevator cable, or use the phone to ask the building manager to turn the music up. I could bring my particle accelerator and send the elevator to a parallel universe. I could push all the buttons so the elevator stops at every floor. I stand backwards because I hate to inconvenience a fellow human being.

Jeff Kruys

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Leaf blow-out

Editors:

'Tis truly no grievance that the greaves of leaves are eliminated on campus. Many a time in an otherwise quiet classroom I have been delighted to hear rakes scraping across concrete, or the loud roar of a vacuum-cleaner-like machine, removing those "pestilence-stricken multitudes." After-all, the grounds must be immaculate; no cent is wasted on its upkeep. Long live burcaucracy, and the beloved leaf-blowers!

Terri-Jo Everest

No smoking for health

Editors:

The CRD has banned smoking in most public places. I would like to see smoking banned in all public places. I am asthmatic and second-hand cigarette smoke affects my health. Militant smokers who complain about non-smokers do not realize how much of an immediate impact they have on the health of some non-smokers. It is unacceptable for a smoker to say to me "Just use your inhaler", when asked politely to refrain from smoking in my presence. The constant use of bronchial dialators presents its own health risk. Now, the right to smoke indoors is severely restricted to very few places. For those who insist smoking is their right, I agree; but not in the viscinity of anyone who objects. Smoking in front of others is not a right, it is a special privelage.

Mike Ellis

Focus on trees

Editors:

I found the letter from Riaz Bassari in the *Martlet* of November 28 confused and unfocussed. The 3% of forest on Vancouver Island which people work to protect is not all the forest land left, it is the percentage which is still considered wilderness. The balance has been opened to industrial logging.

More confessed is his statement, "...I know we should not jeopardize our economical and ecological future just so a bunch of once-a-year back-packing nature lovers have allot of green to look at..." Wilderness protection is in the interest of our ecological future since wilderness is – among other things – an "ecological laboratory".

Our economy also needs restructuring of the forest industry. Job loss in the industry has resulted from the same harvest techniques and tenure system which devastate the land base. Witness the call by the IWA in Port Alberni for TFL 44 to be taken away from Mac Millan Bloedel for failing to fulfil the timber licence requirement to provide community stability.

At the same time increasing tourist pressure (an economic growth area) has necessitated limits on visits to the West Coast Trail and Mearse Island. However timber harvesting is not incompatible with multiple resource use, only clearcutting is. If our present "management" system gives us an equal voice to interests other than corporate profit, all interests could be accommodated.

Finally, personal attacks on environmentalist for having egos, whether or not they are justified, does not detract from the validity of their work.

Michael Timney
Speaker, Green Party of B.C.

Missing the forest for the trees

Editors:

While Riaz Bassari's letter on environmentalists raises some provocative arguments for the preservation of the ocean floor, he misses the point on the preservation of old-growth forest.

The fact environmentalists want to preserve the "remaining 3%" of old-growth forest on Vancouver Island is neither an issue of popularity or politics.

It is an issue on our economy. The environmental movement in British Columbia has cost no jobs. Since 1980, 12 to 16,000 people have been laid off from the forest industry. It may seem tree huggers are whining about every little bush, thus gradually eroding away the industry that provides the lifeblood of this province. They have nothing to do with the decline in the forest industry.

The last major environmental victory in the province was South Moresby, in 1987. 3500 square kilometers were saved and 100 short-term jobs forfeited. The loggers in that fight were from Nanaimo and Delta, not the Charlottes. 3500 square kilometers is a big area. Compare that to 1200 hectares, the size of Carmanah Pacific Park, the last victory for the granolas.

The real culprit is the forest industry, which has overlogged this province because they were able to. They are to blame for the loss of jobs. MacBlo's decision to mechanise in TFL 44 has allowed them to ship the surplus machinery from Port Alberni out of the country, to Louisiana. Almost 1000 people have lost their jobs in Alberni in the past three years, and not because of environmentalists. It should be added that Carmanah supplies lumber for Harmac, in Nanaimo, not for Alberni.

Overcutting and mechanisation are to blame. The environmental movement wants to return responsibility to BC's forests, and pretty soon they'll be able to – in five years MacBlo will be out of Alberni, and Fletcher Challenge will have left the province. Please be informed, Mr. Bassari, before making sweeping, silly statements.

Nevin Thompson

Fast co-op action

Editors:

This being the two month anniversary of the date on which I wrote a letter to the director of the Co-operative Education Program, I felt it was my responsibility to provide fellow students (Co-op or otherwise) with an update on how well they are being served by this University's administration.

In case you missed the letter in the Oct. 3 edition of the *Martlet*, I wrote to Mr. Graham Branton to express my concerns with the ever increasing fees being charged to co-op students. A follow-up phone call to Mr. Branton roughly three weeks ago still failed to generate a written response, though he did comment that "one of his staff was (probably) working on it" and ~~that~~ he would "look into it right away" (for a brief second, I could almost visualize the entire office frantically searching for my letter in their overloaded in-baskets).

At this point, I'm more frustrated by the fact it is taking so long to get a reply, than I am at watching my overdue co-op fees grow by 2% each month. My limited experience working in government (compliments of the co-op program) has taught me not to expect people to act too quickly when confronted with a polite request, but even the majority of civil servants would at least substantiate their sluggishness with an apologetic phone call.

I suppose I can continue to wait until the end of this semester for a reply, at which point I would be forced to remit payment or face deregistration from this fine institution. Boy, would that suck blue whale.

Chris Wilson

Food for thought

Editors:

With the end of term just around the corner, I would like to remind everyone that the U.V.S.S. has organized a charity food drive, taking place December 2 – 18. Collection boxes for non-perishable food items will be located across campus; in the S.U.B., University Centre, McPherson Library, Res. Cafeteria and the McKinnon Gym. These boxes will be right on your way to study or write exams, so please remember to contribute. Thanks a lot, and have a great break!

Julie Hewlett

"Boys" sexist

Editors:

The November 21, 1991 issue of the *Martlet* I found to be informative, if somewhat biased, as usual. I would, however, like to complain about the headline on page two. Opening the paper, I found myself confronted with the headline, "Big toys for little boys invade our harbour, go gung-ho as tourist trap". I would like to point out a number of facts that may have escaped your attention.

The headline insinuated that "Big toys", such as nuclear weapons, are a threat that were and are brought into our lives exclusively by men. This is not true. Marie Curie, one of the co-discoverers of radium at the turn of the century, was one of the earliest and foremost researchers of radioactive materials. Indira Ghandi was responsible for India's entry into the field of nuclear weapons research. Margaret Thatcher held her finger on the launch button of Britain's nuclear arsenal for many years. As well, women have been integrated into the armed forces of the United States for many years now.

In my opinion, the headline is sexist. On page ten of that same issue, the reader was told, "...no sexist, racist or homophobic copy shall be printed." Unfortunately, it appears sexist copy **did** find its way into print

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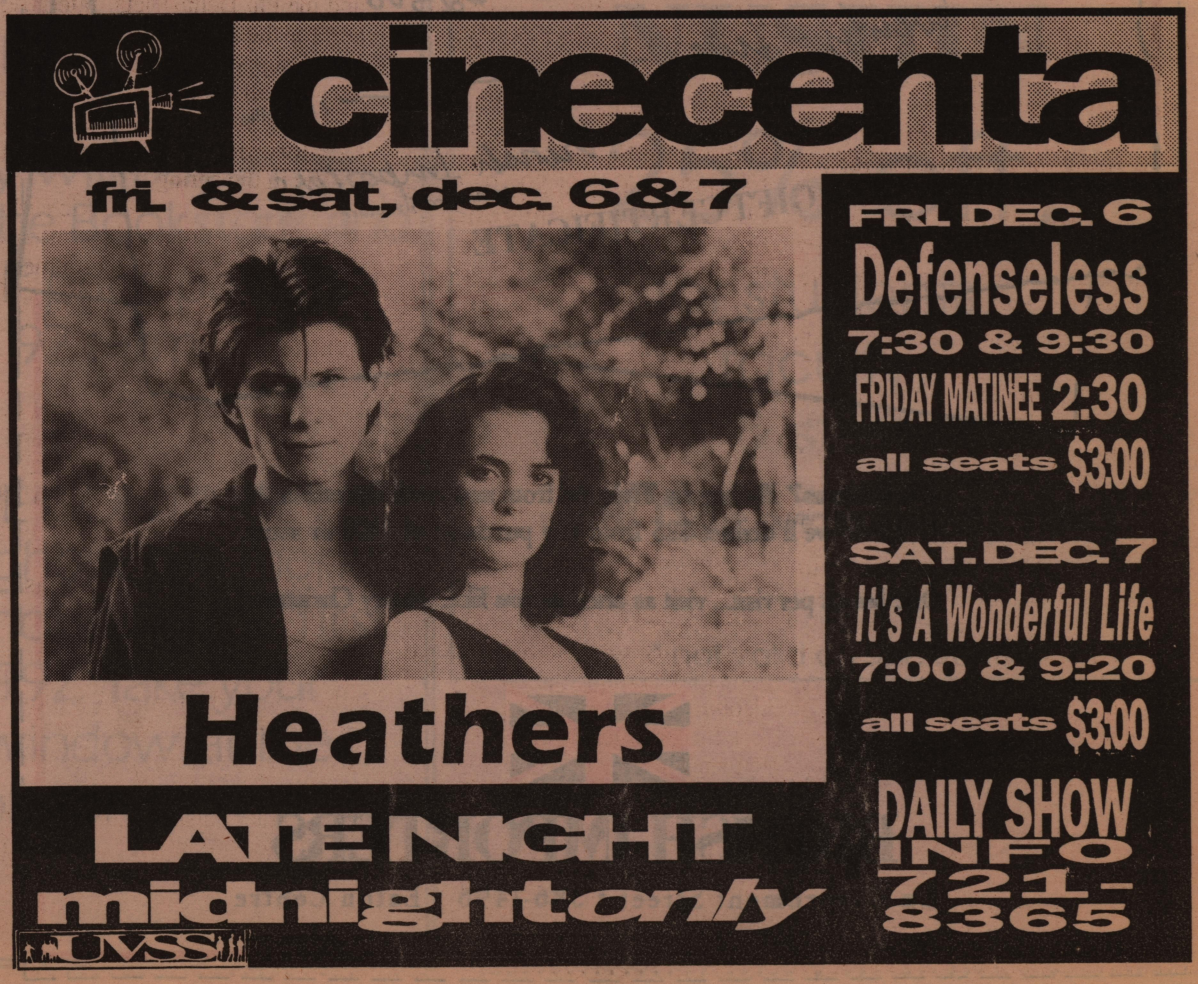

Pro–choice work continues

by Martin Chester

VANCOUVER (CUP) British Columbia's pro-choice movement is being shaken up as student groups take up the slack left by an established coalition.

Alisa Nemesis, a member of the well-established B.C. Coalition for Abortion Clinics, said the organization has had a hard time organizing people since the Senate defeated Bill C-43, which would have restricted access to abortion.

"There's been a real lack of momentum," she said. "It seems that many pro-choice people thought the battle was won when we were just defending our ground."

Nemesis said funds have dried up since membership in the coalition has declined.

"This makes it difficult because the anti-choice movement is so well funded by corporations and religious institutions," she said.

Although Vancouver boasts two abortion clinics, there is limited access to abortion, especially outside of B.C.'s lower mainland, she said. Less than 50 per cent of provincial hospitals perform abortions.

Nemesis said she hopes the BCCAC will re-establish itself as a force in the abortion debate. BCCAC set up Every Woman's Health Clinic, which performs abortions.

"I think the majority of British Columbians are pro-choice. When it comes down to the crunch there are people willing to be there."

In the meantime, student groups at the universities of British Columbia and Victoria have picked up some of the slack.

UBC Students for Choice has recently begun protesting the presence of anti-choice demonstrators at the Every Woman's Health Clinic. And at UVic, the Pro-Choice Action Committee organized a protest of a Bank of Montreal credit card which funds anti-choice groups.

UBCSC co-president Christine Price said student groups are breathing new life into the pro-choice movement.

"A lot of people are getting involved," she said. "It's not just old feminists any more. A lot of young feminists are getting involved, and a lot of men and that is great."

She said UBCSC members are so committed to fighting for access, they are willing to risk arrest.

Activists have to push for access to abortion services in B.C.'s interior and on Vancouver Island, she added.

"Just because we have two abortion clinics and we have an NDP government, there is no reason to stop fighting."

Nemesis said the student pro-choice groups will spur the established movements on.

"My own feeling is that we're getting more active, that the students are getting active and pushing us," she said.

The only other active pro-choice groups in B.C. are small, grassroots organizations which are defending their local hospital boards. ❑

No–nukes bill scrapped

by Emmanuel Chomski

MONTREAL (CUP) Parliament has scrapped a private member's bill that would have slapped a moratorium on exporting nuclear technology.

Bill Blaikie, New Democratic Party MP from Winnipeg, was pushing a bill which sought to end the Canadian development and export of nuclear substances and reactors.

"The Conservatives were scared of the bill," said Gordon Edwards of the Campaign for Nuclear Phaseout. The bill was defeated, 113 to 66 at its second reading on Nov. 20.

Private members bills are supposed to be put to a free vote, but, according to Edwards, even the guards were surprised at the number of full seats on the government side of the house so late at night.

"There was a lot of pressure behind the scenes," he said. "If they hadn't cracked the whip, they felt they would have lost."

The bill would have controlled development and export of nuclear technology by halting the issue of new licences under current government regulations. Existing licences could still be renewed indefinitely.

He said the disposal of radioactive waste is the largest problem with nuclear energy, and added he is concerned about some of the clients for Canadian nuclear reactors.

Korea, Romania, and India "are not the most stable of states," and they are not committed to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, Harvey said.

Michel Paidoussis, a McGill University engineering professor, said he disagreed with the moral impetus behind the bill. "Canadians should not be boy scouts."

The export of CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) reactors is not a problem, according to Paidoussis, provided the purchasing countries have signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, committing themselves to the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The CANDU reactor, developed by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (a Crown Corporation), has one of the best reliability records in the world, producing many of the safest large nuclear reactors in the Western world, according to the Canadian Nuclear Association.

Paidoussis said it doesn't make sense for Canada not to sell CANDUs while other countries continue to sell less safe reactors.

"The CANDU is a very successful system, with no major accidents," he said.

CANDU reactors, unlike most others, use low-grade uranium which is not suitable for nuclear weapons, said Paidoussis.

But Harvey said the uranium could still be enriched to a weapons grade, and the nuclear waste does contain small amounts of plutonium.

The NDP overwhelmingly voted in favour of the bill, while the Bloc Quebecois and Liberal Party were split.

Most Conservative Party members voted against it, although 7 Quebec Conservative MPs supported the bill. ❑

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for months and forced the government to negotiate policies with the people.

Nicaraguans remember times before land and wealth was redistributed by the Sandinistas, when the Somoza regime defended the wealth of the few through a brutal National Guard, trained and financed by the U.S.

Annie Robinson, who has worked and travelled extensively in Central America, said "They [Somoza's National Guard] killed thousands of Nicaraguans. They bulldozed over them, and the torture . . ."

International observers have recorded the extensive use of torture under Somoza. Robinson said she heard of dissidents being fed to wild game in Somoza's private zoo.

The U.S. trained and supported Somoza and his National Guard with advisors, money, and arms. "They (Nicaraguans) know their history. They know who's responsible for their plight," said Robinson. Starting almost 150 years ago, the U.S. has launched 8 full-scale Marine invasions of Nicaragua.

"People are not willing to go back to the way things used to be," Riess said.

Nicaraguans are presently struggling not only to "keep the revolution alive," but to "expand it" too, he said.

The strikes, negotiations, and other campesino efforts directly confront UNO policies and their effects.

In 1990 the UNO coalition government pardoned the U.S. its 1986 $17 billion World Court fine for illegally mining Nicaraguan harbours.

The coalition also changed the currency into the gold cordoba, and presently devalues it twice weekly to meet U.S. loan qualifications. The U.S.'s promised $300 million in aid has not fully arrived, and Nicaragua's war debt payments leave little for the people.

Vice-President Virgilio Godoy has attempted three coups d'etats, said Adilia Aviles, head of the Women's Secretariat of the Association of Agricultural Workers (ATC), during a visit to Victoria Oct. 24.

Godoy is openly supported by U.S. Ambassador Harry Schludeman, and has been accused of accepting money directly from the U.S. government. On Oct. 22 of this year, Nicaraguan President of the Assembly Alfredo Cesar admitted to having received $600,000 from the CIA in 1989. He denied any of the money was used for his, or UNO's, election campaign, but did not say how the money was spent.

Cesar was a Contra commander living in exile in Miami, Florida. He was prominent in the Irangate affair, when millions of dollars in missile component sales to Iran were embezzled by the CIA to aid the Contras.

Aviles said the FSLN, reduced from 80,000 troops before 1990, to 28,000 now, is the only stabilizing force in Nicaraguan politics.

"Chamorro depends on the FSLN," Riess said.

The coups and Sandinista army strength are only part of the factional violence in Nicaragua. Mayor Aleman of the capital city of Managua is openly planning the organization of a small municipal army to defend capitalist interests.

Commonly called "death squads", these small armies have become the highest military/judicial authority in countries like Guatemala and El Salvador. The squads are often protected by the government. The mayor's police force "ominously brings up the memories of the [Pre-1979 Somozista] National Guard," said Riess.

The Recontras have attacked some rural co-operatives, demanding land ownership and the elimination of unions. They also request UNO election promises of land be kept.

The FSLN and many campesinos are still demanding the whereabouts of 7,800 people disappeared and kidnapped by the Contras during the war.

The government has played a role in the escalating violence: the Minister of Health admitted that during the first 100 days of UNO rule 1,300 children died for lack of medicine. In those same 100 days the government severely cut health spending and closed many health centres.

"Immediately after UNO got into power people for the first time started feeling hungry again...people [started] looking for food in garbage dumps," said Robinson.

New government policy also threatens the environment. The shift to an export-based economy

With U.S. aid aimed at 'depoliticizing' schools, the UNO government distributed fundamentalist Christian texts.

"augers [a] return to heavy pesticide and fertilizer use," according to a Tools For Peace booklet. Workers would also be at risk, as some pesticides banned in most developed nations are readily available in Latin America. Nicaragua's last remaining rain forests are also threatened.

Nicaraguans are determined to continue the peoples' revolution. When a people has survived overt oppression, exploitation, invasion, imperialism, revolution, elections, and reforms they have an awareness and inspiration which seems invincible.

A frequently cried and spray-painted slogan reflects the Nicaraguan determination for peace and justice: Petrir Libre o Morir- A Free Nation or Death. ❑

SUB expansion

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According to Matthews, the problem has been with resources. With so many projects on the go this year, more staff had to be hired, and space made to accommodate them.

With the rest of the staff tied up, Matthews said calling the committee together to meet would have wasted time.

He said the meeting will be called this week or early next week.

Once underway, the requirement study should take one month, after which a planner and architect can be selected. UVSS representatives hope the building will be completed by the fall of 1993.

As Brian Webster, administrative coordinator of the UVSS, said, "The longer it takes to get the study done, the fewer students that paid for its construction will be able to use it." ❑

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Asbestos

regulations. Asbestos was removed from several schools.

In 1984, an Ontario royal commission reviewed new research and recalled many of the regulations.

British Columbia guidelines, administered by the WCB, were prepared by the Committee on Asbestos Hazards in Public Buildings, made up of various ministry representatives and the WCB.

Other than hazardous waste transport and disposal, WCB guidelines are the only asbestos controls in B.C. They encourage employers to ensure workplace safety, but no existing inventory of asbestos in public buildings exists.

As for private dwellings, there are no facilities available for inexpensive analysis of the presence of ACMs in the home. Many homes built before 1975 contain ACMs, and others may as well.

While most groups concerned with asbestos agree responsible management in ACM areas with low risk is adequate, provided research continues, the substance continues to surprise, frighten, and occasionally threaten people.

A Dec. 2 Globe and Mail article reported east Germans redecorating their drab homes are disturbing a considerable amount of asbestos. Up to 300,000 homes may be affected, and the old parliament has been "condemned as unsafe."

In an eerie environmental irony, as Germans and others from around the world tore down the Berlin Wall in a revelry of liberation, they released thousands of invisible, potentially deadly, fibres.❑

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Wholesome

by Paige Raymond
& Tracee Johnson

'Tis the season of peace and good will, of togetherness and kindness, and of mutual esteem and universal joy.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, whether this is a religious holiday or just a break from work and school, the spirit of giving is prevalent around this time of year. The holidays are a time of renewal for everyone, a time to remind ourselves what it is to be human again.

Somewhere along the way compassion for humanity was lost. The holidays became more material, people began to buy spray painted, fake trees and began to give useless, disposable gifts that held no meaning or sentimental value.

Many people seem to think since Christmas only comes once a year very little damage is done by letting down our "green" guard. The consequences, however, run deep.

Each year during the winter holidays approximately 80 million trees are cut down, 50 million of which are in the U.S. alone.

Parties and celebrations devour immense amounts of non-renewable energy, further damaging the fragile environment.

Wrapping paper, decorations, and packaging glut landfills during this season more than at any other time of the year. 70 per cent of yearly consumer purchases are made during the months of November and December.

This is no time to stop being "green consumers". You can make a difference this year by continuing to be your socially and environmentally conscious self.

The most visible symbol of the season is the Christmas tree. This tradition was initiated by pagans, who held reverence for natural phenomena. Trees are a long standing symbol of stability. "In a deciduous world, the evergreen tree demonstrates permanence" (from *Christmas* by William Sansom).

The evergreen's perennial colour symbolized both eternal life and the growing length of days as seasons change.

To help minimize the destruction of our forests, you could grow your own tree or plant a few trees to give away as future gifts.

After the holidays are over a tree can be replanted outside, or you can keep it in a cool location indoors and continue to have a little piece of Christmas all year round.

If time and space don't allow you to grow a tree, you can purchase a living tree from local nurseries and garden centres. All centres have a good selection of species and sizes.

Potted trees are a little more expensive, but they will save you money in the long run as they are reuseable.

Make sure a tree doesn't spend too long indoors, as this will give it difficulty adjusting to a transplant outdoors.

Evergreens are the centerpiece of this holiday season, and traditionally, people decorate their trees and houses with homemade ornaments crafted from boughs of evergreens and holly.

Light in the darkness is another holiday tradition.

In the Jewish tradition, light is sacred. During Hanukkah, the eight candle menorah represents the light that burned for eight days in the Great Menorah of the Holy Temple instead of for the one day the light was expected to last. The long lasting oil in the menorah is a symbol of survival.

Candles also appear in the Christmas tradition. Before electric light was invented, trees were adorned with tallow candles. These candles were an incredible fire hazard and resulted in many macabre Christmas blazes.

Now, more than ever it is important to refuse to purchase wasteful, marketed ornaments. Store bought decorations are more appealing in time saving ways, but homemade decorations bring a special warmth to a home. If you have a limited income, hand made decorations are far more economical.

When decorating your tree, try to use homemade and even edible decorations. String popcorn and cranberries to make garlands. Decorate gingerbread and sugar cookies and string ribbons through them to use as ornaments. And you get to eat them afterwards!

Also, by using pine cones, holly and berries from your own backyard, you can create your own table centerpiece and a wreath for the front door.

Another way to decorate the house is by stringing festive cards along the mantle piece or wall.

For more imaginitive ideas on how to make decorations check the local library for books like *Here Comes Christmas* and *The First Green Christmas*.

It is better to give than to receive." How many times when you were young did you hear this as you clutched your minimal December allowance, sacrificing candy for Grandma's gift?

The idea of giving presents at this time goes back to the Romans. Presents were exchanged at the festival of the Kalends, which fell on January first.

There are stories of the gift-giver in almost every culture with a holiday during the winter solstice: the old woman Befana (Italy), the Three Kings/Magi (Catholic), and even Santa Claus.

There are many legends about Santa Claus, whose name has taken many different forms, like St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, Pere Noel and Kris Kringle.

St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, was a bishop in Asia Minor in the 14th century. His good deeds included saving children from a wicked innkeeper, and giving poor women money to help them escape from evil suitors.

Thus the tradition of gift giving and charity has continued to this day.

Wholidays

Unfortunately, it has become easy to get caught up in the materialist mayhem that clouds this holiday season.

There are ways to fight back at capitalist pressure by purchasing gifts from non-profit organizations. They sell attractive alternative gifts that could help foster peace and global development.

It is time to bring back the holiday spirit by buying gifts that are not only enjoyed by the receiver, but also help those who created them.

Be socially conscious when purchasing gifts. Don't buy goods made in foreign countries where working conditions are poor and political systems are exploitive.

Profits from Bridgehead Trading Cooperative (owned by OXFAM-Canada) products go directly to workers and improvement projects in developing countries. By purchasing goods from Bridgehead more of your money goes to the people who actually make the items.

Bridgehead has published a 1991-92 gift catalogue that can be picked up at the OXFAM-Canada office at 620 View street in Victoria. The catalogue offers reasonably priced handmade gifts from Thailand, Peru, India, Kenya and many other developing countries.

The money made is used to help small-scale producers in over 24 countries get started, develop products and markets in Canada and reinvest their profits back into community and education projects.

The Global Village store in downtown Victoria is a non-profit group which purchases hand made crafts from collectives in Thailand, Guatemala, Indonesia and many others.

The store is run solely by volunteers and has been operating since 1988.

At Global Village you can buy hand made tree ornaments from El Salvador, Ecuador and Bangladesh.

The store also sells unique jewellery, clothing, household items and children's toys. Each item is tagged with a card that explains where the product was made and by whom.

Any money made over the minimal costs of running the store is sent to countries where the crafts are bought, where it is used to support development projects.

Specifically, the money supports projects like Lifeline Crafts, a group of women and street children in a slum outside Nairobi, Kenya.

On a smaller scale, a local woman, Bente Rehm, has devoted her home and time to help Tibetan refugees in northern India. She takes in donations of used warm clothing to ship back to the refugees.

The cost of shipping these items is overwhelming, so she sells items purchased while travelling—in India, Southeast Asia and Kashmir, to cover costs.

Out of her home at 1710 1/2 Government St., Rehm sells exotic clothing, materials and jewellery at clearance prices.

The holiday season is a good time to continue to be environmentally conscious. It is also a good time to inform and educate others by purchasing gifts with an environmental message.

The Western Canadian Wilderness Committee (WCWC) store in Bastion Square is also a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. All proceeds from sales goes to support WCWC's research on biodiversity in the Walbran and Carmanah forests.

The store stocks everything from wooden pull toys to posters and t-shirts with environmental slogans. In an effort to provide an alternative to wrapping presents in paper WCWC sells cloth gift bags in all sizes for less than $ 4.

The Ecology House, run by the Sierra Club, only carries products with an environmental message. They have cups made from recycled plastic, and an educational board game called *Keep it Green.*

Another gift idea is "Rainforest Crunch", a brittle of almonds, cashews and brazil nuts. This all natural product supports a variety of organizations from its profits.

Holiday cards are a thoughtful way to keep in touch with friends while expressing and sharing holiday greetings.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you" was the message on the first printed Christmas card in 1843. It was divided into three panels depicting a family at dinner, raising their glasses in a toast while the opposite panels showed charitable scenes.

Although people have sent printed holiday cards for over a hundred years, it was not until charities printed their own cards that messages to stimulate charity for the needy returned.

These cards support UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), and the Save the Children Fund, among others.

UNICEF cards help promote the creation of safe water supplies and the reduction of illiteracy among children of the developing world.

Sales of Save the Children Fund cards support local organizations.

Each year, the fund holds a province wide Youth Design Competition. This year, a six-year old boy from Shalath, B.C. won the contest with his drawing of a snow figure surrounded by falling snow. The picture was printed on cards and can be purchased at a number of downtown stores.

After making the individual decision to enjoy a green, more socially conscious holiday, it is important to inform those around you how to do the same. By asking others to buy goods and services that do not perpetuate social injustice and environmental degradation, one can support a just society and a healthy planet.

Remember that minimal gifts, especially hand made, are the most precious and the most meaningful. They express in the best way our own love and help create a more peaceful world.

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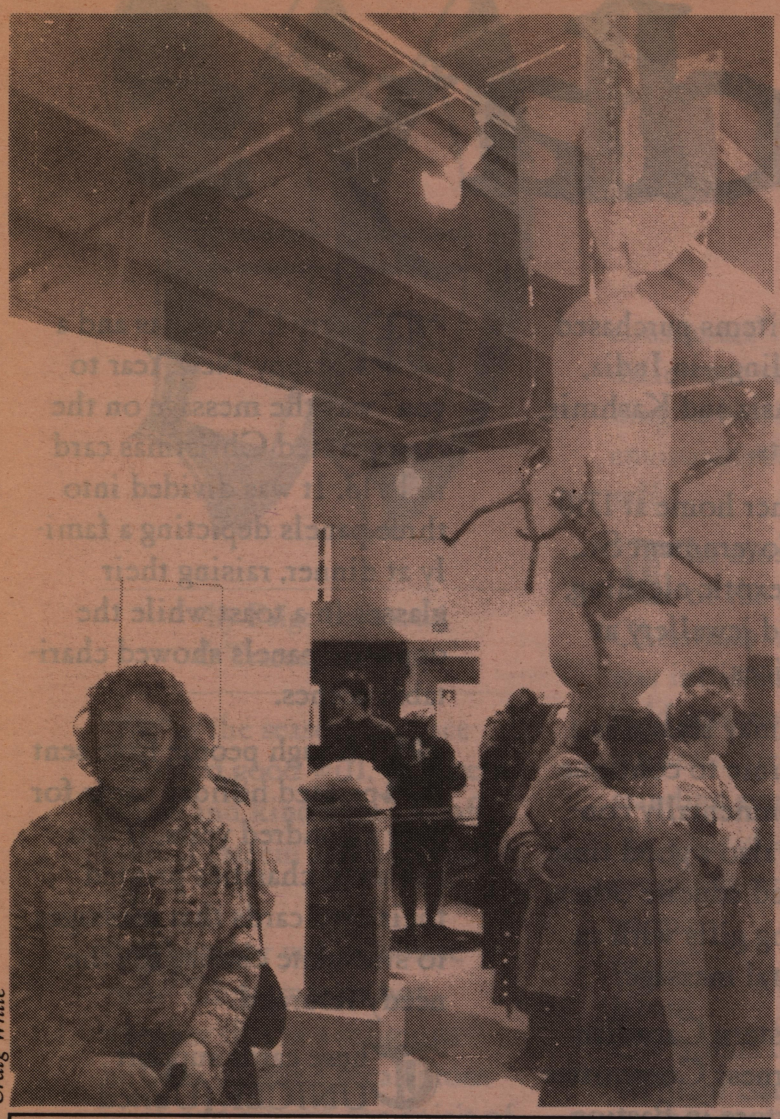

Craig White

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Bare bones approach is tasty

by Andrew Mori

Bare Bones
Life Sentence
En Guard Records
1991

Fine practitioners of the less-is-more school of music, the aptly named Montreal duo Bare Bones offers the listener tasteful slide guitar and familiar but edgy lyrics.

A listener could hardly expect more than honesty and emotion from a band with two lead vocals and guitars.

Patrick Hutchinson (lead and slide guitar) and Suzanne Nuttall (lead vocals and acoustic guitar) give acoustic blues a modern flavour.

Nuttall's strong, emotive voice fills each song. Any more production would be superfluous at best.

Her voice lends quite well to the duo's sparse approach to fitting to themes of straight ahead realism.

Nuttall tends to home in on familiar subjects like love and relationships, but her humour and unsentimental realism take her songs out of the potential realm of Michael Boltonesque schmaltz.

A good example of this is the song "Back to Back". In it, a woman worries her relationship has gone into a rut: "On my side of the bed/ I try not to think about it/ On your side of the bed/ You seem to do well without it/ Back to back..."

However, at the end of the song she suggests to her mate "no more back to back."

Baroque language is used in the song "Hungry Man (with a Menu)".

Penned by Hutchinson, who plays evocative slide guitar while singing, the song stirs feelings of lost opportunities and unfulfilled desires.

"I'm like a deposed king that's been left/ With a photocopy of a crown/ Mixing memory and desire/ Makes a strange brew."

The cassette also features several cover tunes. The Bones' take on Stevie Wonder's 1973 classic "Living for the City".

This acoustic blues version of an originally funky song works surprisingly well.

Wonder's lyrics about the harshness of the urban experience form a modern blues base, demonstrating a different side of the band's prowess.

This cassette is recommended for people who want to rediscover the power acoustic blues has when it's compared to the overproduced trash currently assaulting our senses.

The arrangement may seem bare bones, but you won't go away hungry. ❑

Willis twists and crunches

by Alisa Smith

Operation Willis
Physically Twisted
Independent
1991

The first cassette release of Operation Willis, a local band, is impressive for its tight-as-Lycra songs and high quality independent production.

Yet, unlike Lycra, it's not constrictingly slick or superficial.

The songs are totally listenable, and will no doubt find their niche in the college crowd.

Variety makes the set alternately suitable to the dance club, to thoughtful listening in the bar over a brew, or maybe to the privacy of your own home, just to mellow out with.

The guitar sound (brought to you courtesy of Jeremy Higgs and Brian Pareis) is solid, nice and crunchy like a bowl of your favourite morning cereal, but more exciting.

Despite the many instrumental styles, ranging from happy college poppy to heavy dirge chords, club beats to melacholy laments, a consistency is kept by the Jim (The Smiths) Morissey inspired vocals.

The first song on the cassette, "Stick Up," has a delightfully heavy intro, which is moderated by the vocals of Mark Connelly-Mendoza.

The guitar riffs are memorable and catchy.

The song titles are intriguing, often rather dark, and sometimes humourous, like "Morissey is Eeyore" or "Drummondville."

Get the Different Strokes reference? A running theme, if the band's name is any indication.

Three of the band members, some of whom go to UVic, used to be in the now-defunct Silent Party.

They joined with a second guitarist and a vocalist, and "created musical pop that was so stylistically diverse that only Tibetan chants and yodelling were excluded!" claims the comic-book style story of the genesis of Operation Willis.

Physically Twisted is available for popular consumption at Funhouse and Lyle's Place.❑

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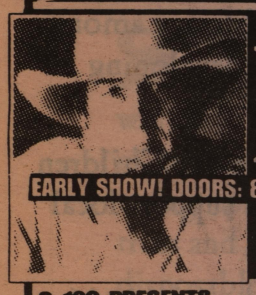

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Pensioners axe all–ages hardcore, break contract with youth group

by Greg Treadwell

Friday, November 29, 1991 was to be the return date of all-ages hard core shows in Victoria.

It didn't happen.

The problem was not with the bands, but with the OAP hall, the planned venue for the gig.

Ron Cain, spokesperson for City of Victoria Parks and Recreation Department, said the OAP reneged on the contract.

The OAP accepted the rent cheque and cashed it. . . That constitutes a contract.

Jake Warren of Know Reason Productions is "bummed...[the cancelation] is a let down since we [Youth Facilities Search Committee] were met with such support."

Warren said the committee received a promising response from the OAP when they asked to rent the hall. Warren said "things [were] a little too good to be true. I wasn't surprised" when the OAP backed out.

The reason for the cancelation of the concert centers around a one band only policy OAP representatives said is in the contract. Cain said a stipulation limiting the number of bands does not exist in his copy of the contract.

Emily Campbell of the OAP hall said it was a "contract of sorts," but had not signed it herself. Cain said the document called for the signature of a witness, and had a member of his office sign.

"A proper contract would have had spaces for renter and rentee. The OAP accepted the rent cheque and cashed it...that constitutes a contract," he said.

Cain said the hall accepted the contract, and cheques for rental costs were accepted on Wednesday, after the three band line up was announced. On Monday the OAP informed Cain that unless the line up was cut to one band the concert would be cancelled.

Flyers and tickets had already been printed at the time of the Monday statement. Cain was unwilling to go ahead with the concert.

It would be like a theatre "advertising a double bill and then only showing one film," he said, adding a lot of people would have wanted their money back.

Cain believes "the one band policy [of the OAP hall] has hampered doing a show, unless it's the Doobie Brothers who could put on a three hour show. The OAP is willing to have multiple bands for jazz, but not for youth [shows]."

Warren said he wishes the cancellation "could have been avoided. The OAP hall is a fantastic venue for hard core gigs."

The OAP says they did not know of the planned three band bill. Earlier, the OAP asked what band was playing, but organizers did not know at the time. An OAP spokesperson said they clearly asked for the name of the band, no plural implied.

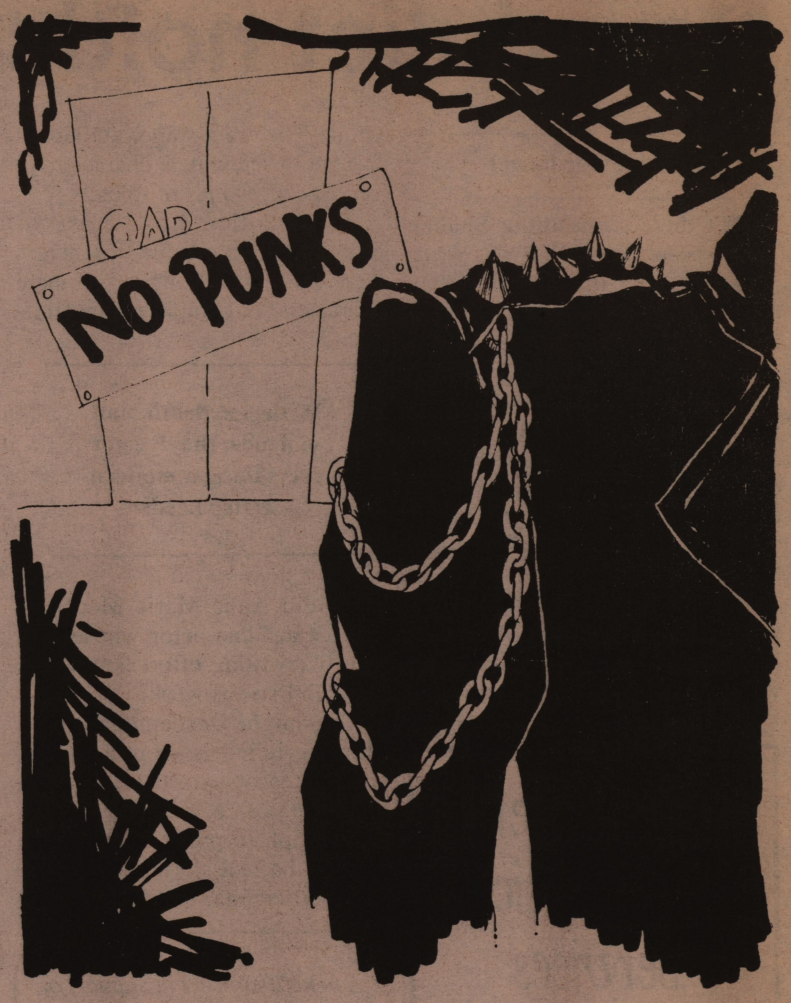
Cain said the three hundred dollars incurred in expenses for tickets, flyers and the services of Know Reason Productions are irrelevant. "The kids didn't get a show, they're the ones who got shafted."

Cain said a stipulation limiting the number of bands does not exist in his copy of the contract.

Friday's show wasn't being put on by a private group, but by the Youth Facilities Search Committee. The committee, of which Cain and Warren are members, has the backing of city council and can provide police officers for security. Warren said this should ease the mind of prospective hall renters about damage.

Warren doesn't "want to see Know Reason Productions being accused of turning hard core into a game. You can't tell fifteen and sixteen year olds to calm down, that this is the way hard core should be. They won't listen."

Warren said last Friday's cancelled show isn't a set back. "This has been good press, it may have opened some eyes to the music. Maybe the halls will be more open minded." ❑



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New Juliet holds no bard

by Alisa Gordaneer

If there's one thing Shakespeare did well, it was write the kind of tragedies that remain unrivalled even by 20th century soap operas.

Two classic examples of Uncle Will's angst ridden, love stricken, woe-bemoaning tales are *Othello* and *Romeo and Juliet*. With sex, death and violence, they've got everything a modern writer needs to sell a show or keep the ratings high.

O.K., so Shakespeare knew what audiences wanted. And four hundred years ago, when women weren't even allowed on the Globe Theatre's stage, audiences wanted to see female characters in very specific kinds of roles.

Ever notice how most of Shakespeare's female characters were either royalty, lovers of male characters, or completely insignificant?

With sex, death, and violence, they've got everything a modern writer needs.

So did Anne-Marie MacDonald, a Canadian actor whose first solo playwriting effort is opening at the Belfry this week.

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) is about a university professor who tries, through the use of a found, coded manuscript, to prove Shakespeare twisted the real stories of Othello and Desdemona, and Romeo and Juliet, to make them fit more within their prescribed roles.

Especially Desdemona and Juliet.

Constance Ledbelly, the hapless prof, gets magically transported back to Othello's time to see for herself the way it really was.

And she finds lots of sexual politics, humour, word-twisting and gender-bending to boot. Shakespeare couldn't have done better.

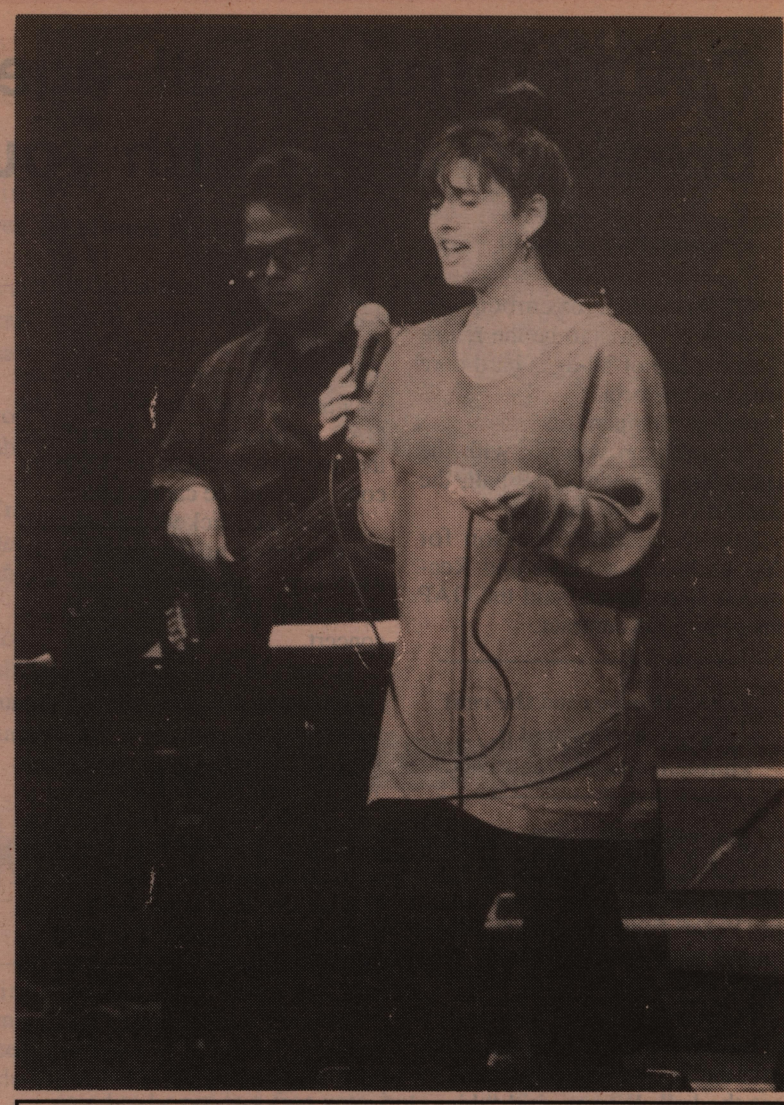
MacDonald has received loads of praise for this play, which just finished a cross-Canada tour in Vancouver. She won the 1990 Governor General's award for best play, and the Floyd F. Chalmers best play award the same year.

The Belfry show is a co-production with the Winnipeg based Manitoba Theatre Centre, and the play, mounted in both cities, shares the same cast.

Film-goers will recognize MacDonald's name from the movie, I've Heard the Mermaids Singing, in which she plays Mary Joseph, an art gallery curator's lover.

Everyone who enjoyed that film's quirky, stylish mood is sure to love this feminist send-up of the bard himself.

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) runs until Dec. 21 at the Belfry Theatre. For reservations and information, call 385-6815. ❑



Brian Harvey

HOT JAZZ: Korena Gergen and John Ashbridge, two members of UVic's vocal jazz ensemble, sing and strum up a storm. More performances of diverse vocal and instrumental jazz are scheduled for the spring term.

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Profile: Vocal Jazz

by Robin Smith

If you've ever been discouraged in the search for live jazz music in Victoria - take heart.

UVic's vocal jazz ensemble gave their first performance of the season in the on-campus Young Recital Hall, Wednesday Nov. 27. Their repertoire includes a mix of contemporary arrangements, as well as jazz classics.

Wednesday's program alternated full-ensemble numbers with smaller group charts and solo work to create a variety of styles and sound combinations.

The group consists of six men, six women, and a rhythm section featuring jazz piano, bass guitar, and percussion.

The evening had a low key atmosphere which both the audience and performers enjoyed. You can expect to hear more from this group in the new year and early spring, as tentative performances have been scheduled.❑

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Benefit opens Belfry

by Andrew MacLeod

The Belfry theatre's new studio survived puberty with a play about crazed adolescent hormones confronting sexual realities.

Co$t of Living, which opened Dec. 1 with a benefit performance, is a multi-media one act play by Morris Panych of Vancouver. It is produced by Green Thumb Theatre for Young People, and has been touring southern B.C. this fall.

The play is a high power, high energy, high impact performance aimed at educating high-school age students.

Mike Stack plays The Actor, the only live character in the play. All other characters are present only as video images, but gain personalities when described by The Actor.

The Actor is a naive high-school student working on a Social Studies essay about "The Cost of Living."

Instead of an essay he decides to present his ideas as a video project, finding it easier to sort out his ideas in a visual medium.

He's pretty confused. He thinks about nothing but sex, although he has trouble even saying the word.

Barbie and Ken dolls, store window dummies, and a condom left on his desk by his mother symbolize sex to him.

Slowly, with the help of the woman of his dreams, Angel, he gains an understanding of the responsibilities which come with sex, love, and relationships.

Angel says she's going to give The Actor "something special" for his birthday. He thinks this means SEX, and goes through nervous hours of preparation and profuse sweating.

Angel's surprise is actually a hospital visit to a person with AIDS, who tells The Actor he can learn from the mistakes of others.

"When you see someone get hit by a car, you start looking both ways before you cross the street," the patient says. "Nobody even told me there was a street."

The goal of this play is to show young people the street. "If we give them information they're going to talk," said Stack.

The information encourages listening.

Stack's portrayal of The Actor is enthusiastic and engagingly easy to identify with.

Bright lights, music and video also draw in the audience, and add to the sense of confusion.

The Actor constantly changes audio and video tapes in the stack of electronic hardware that makes up the centrepiece of the stage.

This confusion lets the audience into the eclectic nature of The Actor's thoughts. The story comes out in bits and pieces.

Nonetheless, the play is well polished and runs smoothly. Music, video, and actor work together harmoniously to give a complete idea of what The Actor is feeling.

The Co$t of Living will run afternoon performances until Dec. 6.

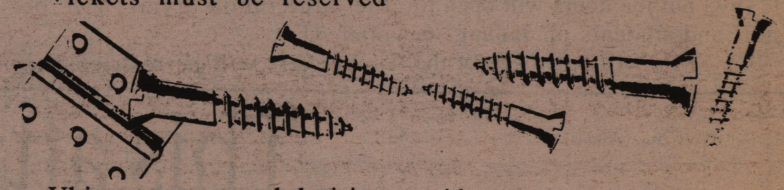
Tickets must be reserved through Gary Rupert at the Greater Victoria School Board, at 360-4140.

Proceeds from the Dec. 1 benefit performance went to the Canadian Actors Equity AIDS fund.❑

David Cramer

Barbie, Ken, and the actor talk chemistry – personal and otherwise – over a few condoms in *the Co$t of Living*.

Bar bounces bands



by Alisa Smith and James MacKinnon

A growing list of local bands are being shut out of Felicita's, the campus pub, with rarely a clear reason.

Such acts as monica schraefel and her hungry band, 64 Funnycars, Sun Dog Sun, and the Vinaigrettes, to name only a few, will not be playing for at least the rest of the year.

Judy Guthrie, entertainment and promotions manager, said she knows of no banned bands.

"I think the word banned is a gross exaggeration," she said.

If bands are being turned away, she said, it is because of a changing audience.

"For one, you don't want to always be repeating the same bands, and also we have less money to work with than last year. We don't have the number of dollars for entertainment that we'd like to," she said.

Guthrie said the mandate for this year's entertainment is different from last year.

Last year, she said, "a lot of people were very excited to play there [Felicita's] and for little money," while this year, most bands are asking for more money.

"One of the ideas for this year was to bring in new groups . . . we're always looking for new talent," she said.

Tuesday jazz nights are also likely to be phased out. "Last year jazz was a big draw for Felicita's, and this year people just aren't coming out.

Band members don't see turnout as the problem. "The band pays for their incompetence," said monica schraefel, whose was told her band would not play for at least the next semester because of low turn out.

The last time she played was the Thanksgiving weekend.

"They're saying 'You guys have to promote yourself, we don't have the ability.' I think it's less to do with the bands not being popular. Advertising plays a big part in this game."

When they arrived for their last gig, the assistant manger didn't know they were playing, she said.

"If their own staff doesn't know, then how is the student body, ostensibly the Felicita's audience, going to know?"

schraefel said a search for new talent doesn't ring true as a reason for turning away local bands. She said Jho Nek Bone hasn't been turned away, while many other bands understand they need not apply.

If it is a problem with promotion, schraefel wants to know about it. "What a band has to do, what sort of self-promotion a band has to do, should be made explicit," she said.

She added that while her band is welcome to venues in Vancouver, and has received exposure on the CBC, she enjoys playing Felicita's, and wants to play again.

Ultimate contractual decision over which bands play Felicita's is supposed to rest with the SUB productions division of the entertainment and promotions department.

However, both Guthrie and food and beverage manager Kerry Hall-Jardine said Felicita's staff have input about shows in the bar.

Hall-Jardine refused to comment on whether a list exists of bands unlikely to be returning to Felicita's this term.

She said the bands being turned away are not being "banned." The problem, she said, is budgetary.

"We had to cut $2000 dollars out of the bands. It was hard to do, we hate to cut entertainment," she said.

A committee had to decide what kind of shows would be brought in, she said, based on factors such as "past experience with who draws financially."

Hall-Jardine said promotion has not been the problem.

"We've spent a lot more money on promotions this year. The bands are getting equal coverage if not more coverage than they were last year."

Steering away from local bands and low-exposure alternative is not a decision made by food and beverage services, she said.

"The reality is you try to book bands into the bar to draw a crowd," said Guthrie. ❑

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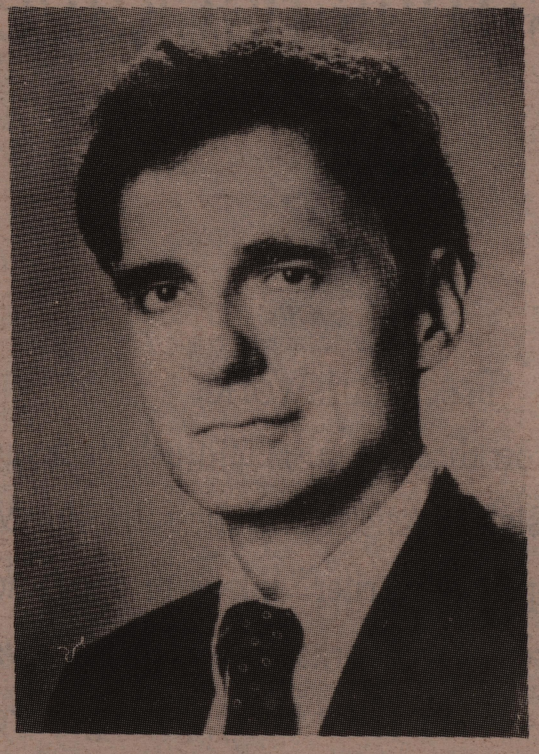

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More recreation for students

by Tracy Nishimura

Recreation sport lovers could have a happy new year when UVic takes over St. Michael's University School recreational facilities located on Gordon Head Road near McKenzie.

Wayne MacDonald, athletic and recreation services manager, said the new complex will be renamed the UVic Gordon Head Centre when final negotiations are completed, probably within few days.

The university is scheduled to take official possession on April 1, 1992 but the doors will open to staff and students on January 6, 1992. SMU will still occupy the classrooms and gymnasium space until classes end in June.

Pugh says the first few months will be a trial period to see which activities are most popular.

The racquet club acquisition is a large expansion of UVic athletics and recreation facilities. The club has an area of 113,000 square feet, as compared to the McKinnon gym's 94,000 square feet.

The doors will open to staff and students on January 6, 1992.

The racquet club will be used for drop-in service, intramural and club activities for the "university community."

Public access will be restricted, though current racquet club members will be given limited access to the facility. MacDonald said students and faculty are the first priority.

A locker and towel service, similar but not identical to that of the McKinnon gym, will be offered.

Lockers will be restricted to day use only until the university decides on necessary renovations. Such decisions will be made in April 1992.

MacDonald said access to the new gym will be the same as to the McKinnon gym, requiring only a student or athletics and recreation activities card.

The facilities available include a large multi-use area, 5 indoor and 4 outdoor tennis courts, 8 squash courts, 2 racquetball courts, an ice rink, an outdoor pool, a small weight room, a dance studio, a gym the size of the McKinnon 1/3 gym, and a restaurant to be run by food services.

Athletics and recreation hope to convert the former curling rink, now a large area covered with flooring, into a much needed giant weight room and aerobics studio.

MacDonald said renovations will likely span two years, depending on cost and availability of equipment.

He also said UVic does not plan to raise athletic and recreation fees to accommodate the new facility, but added it is still too early to confirm.

The McKinnon building will remain the centre of the competitive sports teams, and most existing intramural and drop-in activities will not be moved to the new location because of McKinnon gym's convenient location on campus.

Winona Pugh, recreation coordinator, said the racquet club acquisition will allow for needed expansion of intramurals, as well as space for new clubs and programs.

The racquet club will be used for drop–in service, intramural and club activities.

She said intramural leagues, such as volleyball and basketball, "have always been overfilled."

Athletics and recreation will be able to offer instruction in fencing for the first time, and give sport clubs like Aikido and Kendo more practice times.

Pugh said meeting rooms for clubs, such as the orienteering club, can also be provided.

Another advantage of the new facility is that "it contains lots of diverse space, big areas that you can do anything in," she said.

There is enough space in the multi-use area for activities like ultimate frisbee, indoor soccer and juggling, she said.

Among the new activities slated for the new year are indoor floor hockey, ice hockey, bench aerobics and drop-in skating.

Drop-in skating will be scheduled everyday from noon to 1:00 pm and drop-in hockey from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Hockey players are advised to bring their own helmets, visors and sticks. Everyone who wants to use the rink will need their own skates.

Students and staff with ARAC cards will be able to call in and book the courts.

Pugh says the first few months will be a trial period to see which activities are most popular.

Athletics and recreation has already conducted one survey in the University centre during the student services display. She said students displayed an interest in the racquet courts, an expanded weight room, and the use of the ice rink.

Students or faculty wishing to start new clubs can expect athletics and recreation "will help facilitate it as much as possible if enough people, like ten or more, show interest" she said.

"They must form a club constitution and an executive, and there is limited funding available."

The UVic Gordon Head centre will have the same building hours as the McKinnon gym: Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to midnight, weekends and holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. ❑

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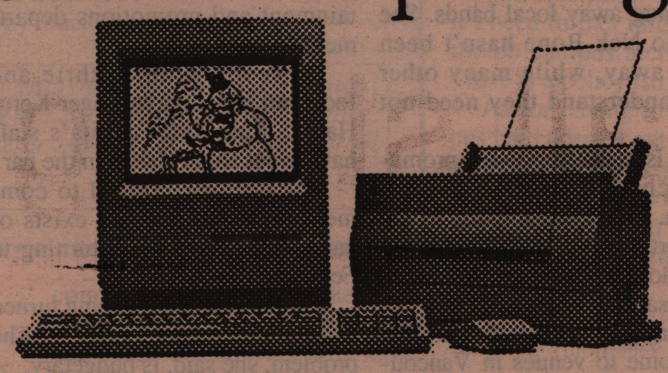

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In rugby action last Saturday, Vikes played KATS on McCoy field.

Vikes untouched

by Tracy Nishimura

The UVic women's basketball team has made more than an impression this season, especially with their current number one ranking in the CIAU league.

Last weekend the Vikes crushed the UBC Thunderbirds with a score of 87 to 51 on Saturday and 72 to 35 on Sunday.

In Sunday's game UVic's top scorers were Christina Van Aert and Jenny Sutton with 19 and 15 points. Van Aert and Sherie Birtwistle also had four assists. Sutton managed eight rebounds and Tara Galloway had five rebounds.

But Sunday's performance was just an example of the team's incredible season. No team has been able to touch the Vikes.

The team's manager, Helene Hamilton, said she attributes their success to the Vikes ability to work well as a team, not to a single player standing out. "They work really well as a unit," she said.

Hamilton was impressed by the young players who have stepped in and "are doing an excellent job."

Their skills, combined with the veteran athletes who are playing excellently, has made one unbeatable team.

Hamilton credited coach Kathy Shields with contributing a lot of experience. Hamilton said Shields has been good at making improvements where needed, and keeping a quality level of play at all times.

The men's basketball team, however, was defeated by UBC on Saturday with a close score of 81 to 80.

The Vike's top scorers were Tom Johnson with 18 points and Chris Brinnen with 22 points.

Sunday's game was not so razor close as Saturday's match. The Thunderbirds beat the Vikes 83 to 74 although UVic was catching up to UBC after halftime.

Sunday's point leaders were Andy Wilmott with 21 and Johnson again with 17.❑

Events bring cheer

by Tracy Nishimura

Santas Anonymous gained over $900 from the UVic Aerobathon held last Sunday.

"There was some really good energy" from the 230 participants and over 40 aerobics instructors who volunteered their time for the event, said Patty Schmidt, special events co-ordinator.

The next event sponsored by UVic this year will be the New Year's Eve Race Through Time. Formerly held on campus, this 5k run or 3k walk will take place downtown this year.

The run will take place at the YW/YMCA on New Year's eve at 7:30p.m. and its route will go through the Beacon Hill park area.

The event, co-sponsored by the university and Forerunners, is being held in conjunction with First Night, an event described by its producer Debora Johns as "a nonalcoholic family oriented celebration of the arts."

Registration is at Forerunners, but entry forms are available at the McKinnon gym Athletics and Rec. office. The entry fee is $7.50, which includes a First Night button that will admit the wearer in to 17 other downtown venues that night.

Not surprisingly, the Race Through Time will be the last special event sponsored by UVic in 1991, but registration for intramural and recreational courses starts on Jan. 2.❑

UVic volleyball strengthens

by Tracy Nishimura

The story behind the numbers of UBC's weekend victories against the volleyball Vikes is completely different from Friday's 3-0 and Saturday's 3-1 figures.

Team manager Joanne Zibin and administrative assistant Kathy Lafountaine were excited when they spoke about the men's improved performance.

Brent Hooper "played the impossible game of his life" on Friday, with six stuff blocks and about five "impossible digs," they said.

Friday's match also saw 13 kills and two service aces by Simon Bright, with an additional four kills by Scott Carlson.

They also said Carlson, with 20 kills, "played an excellent game on Saturday."

Coach Paul Smith said "Mike Moy had a strong game for UVic" on Saturday as well.

Linda Henderson, a senior boy's high school volleyball coach and clubs supervisor at the McKinnon gym, was also enthusiastic.

"The men played awesome. Every game the men play they're getting better and better, they're learning to play with each other and understanding the game."

It took UBC, one of the top three ranked teams in Canada, two hours to beat them on Friday and two and a half hours on Saturday. Henderson said the long matches are a sign of UVic's increasing competitiveness and credited Smith with the team's impressive progress.

"It was really tight, it really could have gone either way," she said.

Men's trainer Will Dodds agreed. "I think it is a credit to their coach," he said, noting the enormous improvement he has witnessed since Smith was appointed coach one month ago.

"It was improvement," said a modest Smith. "At times, I think UBC was definitely nervous," he added.

"I'm seeing players improving in areas that aren't their strengths," said Smith.

He pointed to Bright's Friday performance, saying he played "one of his best defensive games."

Although individual performances are showing improvement, Smith's emphasis is still on team play, and it seems to be working.

"People are playing good individual games; the thing now is to get the individual games on the same day, the same match."

"Playing for every point" was one of the keys in the team's enhanced competitiveness.

Smith's determination to develop a consistent and competitive men's program is evident.

"We're doing better," Smith said, "we still haven't arrived. Every match we play we hope to improve."

Easily putting last weekend's satisfying performance behind, Smith looks toward the new year and is concerned about the effect of the holiday break on his athletes. "We still have a long way to go," he said.

The next league game for the Vike's volleyball women's and men's teams are in January.❑

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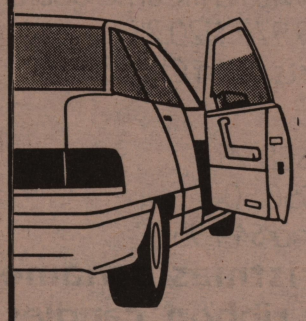
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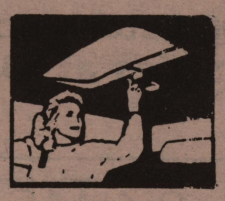
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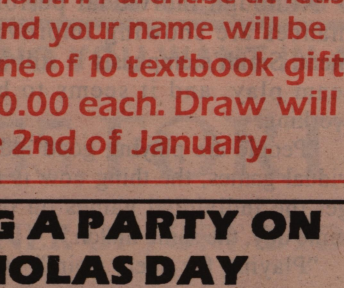

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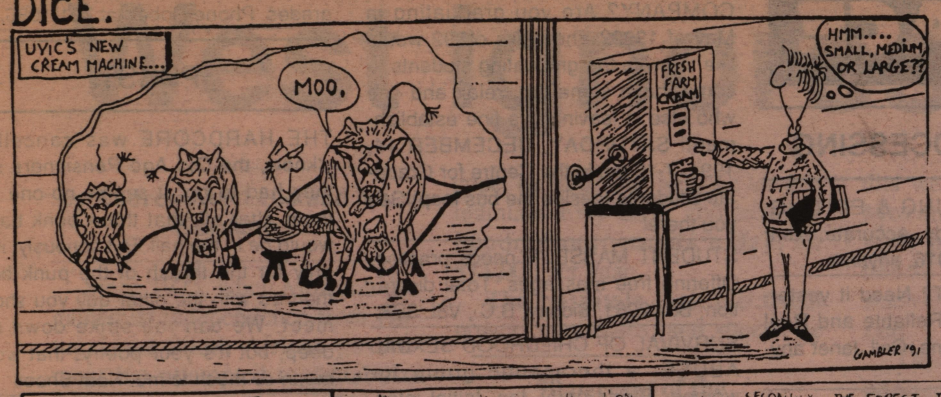

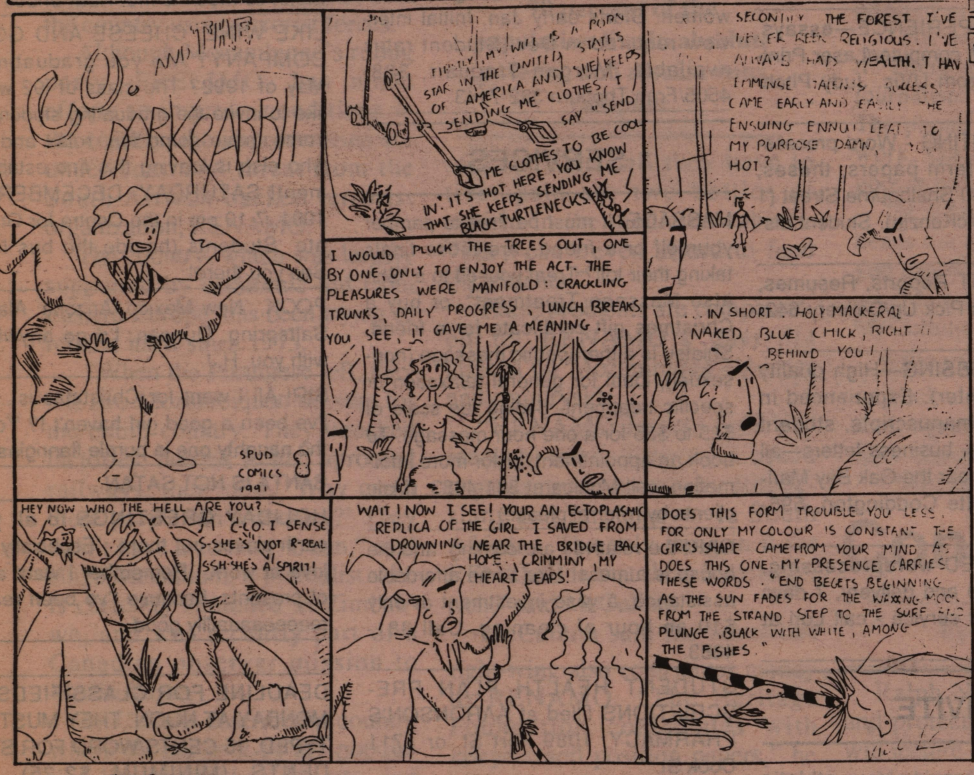

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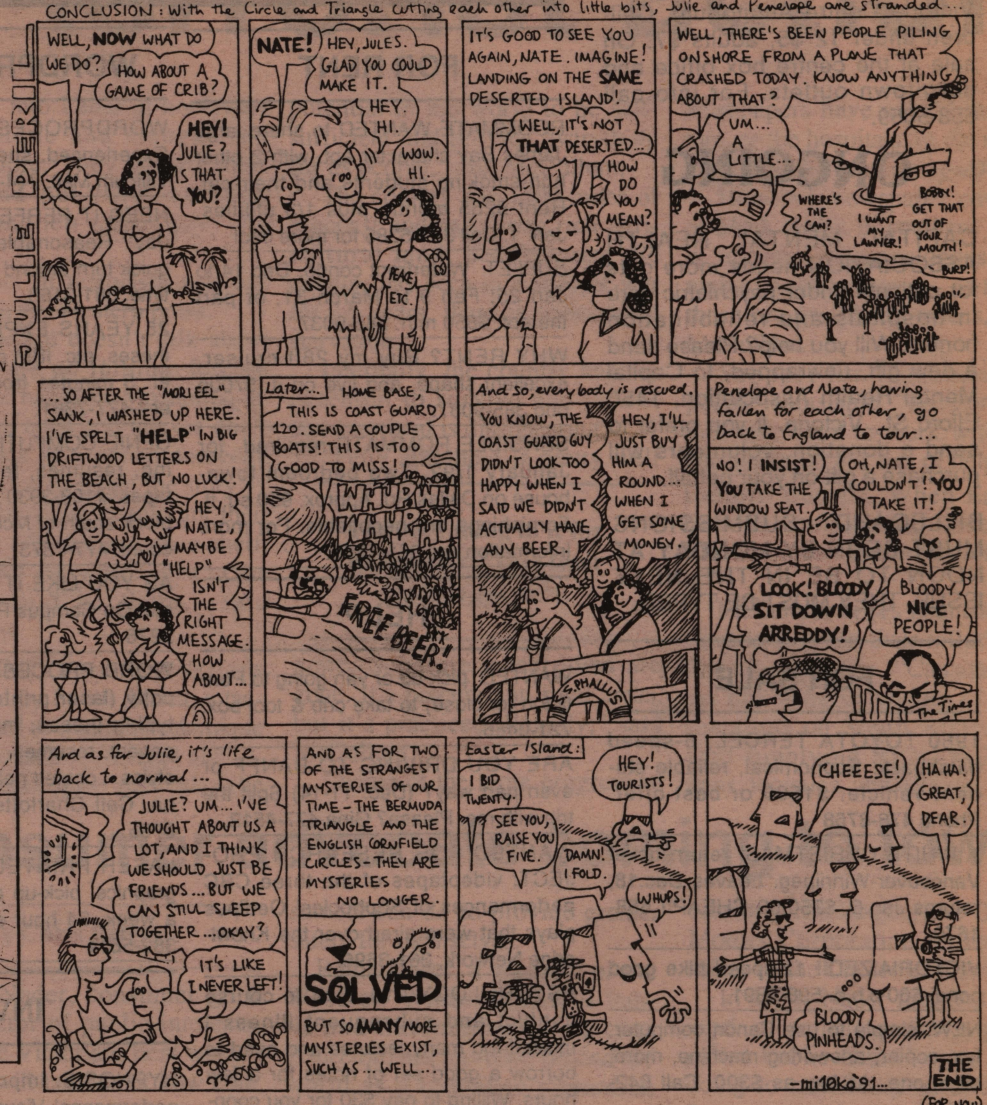

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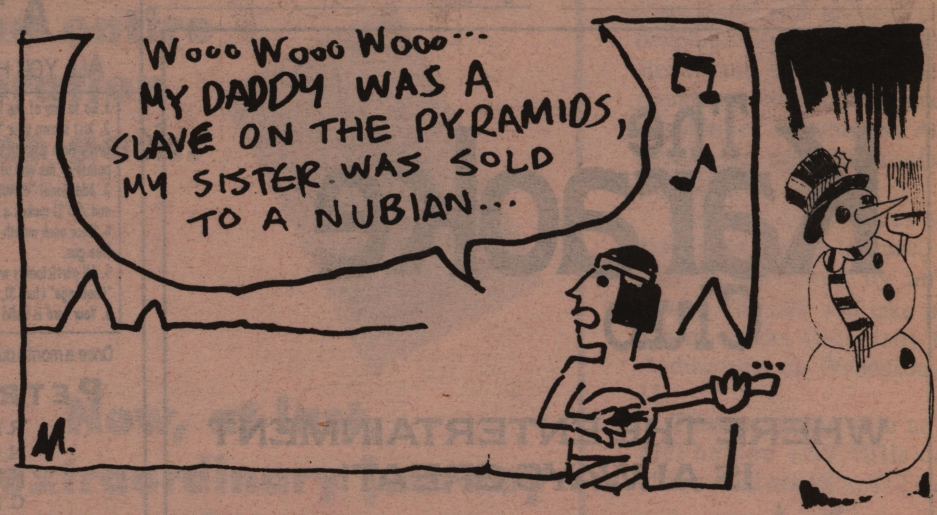

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VIPIRG holds forum on Canada's future

By Laura Porcher

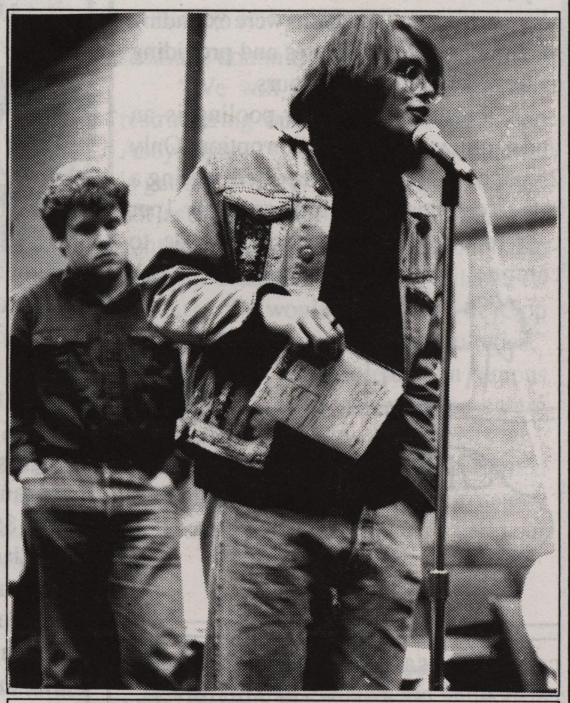
About 50 people attended a Citizens' Forum on Canada's future, sponsored by VIPIRG on March 4. Students on the panel were Chris Fair, Doug Cook, Kaaren Christ, Lula Johns and Oliver Ho. The forum was facilitated by VIPIRG Chair, Wendy Baker.

The forum was designed by VIPIRG to allow for as much audience participation possible, and this turned out to be the highlight of it. About 25 residents from the surrounding community attended, and all were eager to share their views and experiences.

Aboriginal title and relations was one of the main issues discussed. Lula Johns discussed not only historical background and current legislative barriers to native people, but also suggestions on how non-Natives can develop some insight into native issues. We were fortunate to have had the participation of a number of Native people in the audience who shared their perspectives as well. Non-Natives in the audience acknowledged the ignorance of both themselves and the majority of Canadians with respect to Native history and issues. There was a general feeling at the forum that the settlement of native title is of utmost priority, especially in light of the recent Gitksan court decision.

Most who spoke at the forum regarding Quebec expressed the idea that we appreciate our differences and would like to develop a new arrangement by which we can remain in one Canada. We would like such a new arrangement to not only tolerate but nurture all cultural differences.

The need for appropriate global perspectives and institutions, properly managed foreign aid, and environmental cooperation were also discussed.■



UVic students line-up to express their views at VIPIRG's citizen forum on Mar. 4.
(photo: Tracey Lowe courtesy of Martlet)

TRANSPORTATION

Survey results out soon

By Gavin MacPhail

Following months of work by committee members, the VIPIRG transportation survey is currently being analyzed. After being distributed in late January and early February, the arduous task of computer coding voluminous amounts of data from 683 completed surveys began.

Preliminary results from the survey show some surprising trends in the type of transportation students choose. A substantial majority, 67.5 per cent, use more than one mode of transportation to get to school. The convenience of the automobile is readily apparent. Fifty-seven per cent report that they own or have access to a car or motorcycle, and 54 per cent drive to school. In contrast, 63 per cent own or use a bicycle, yet only 18 per cent ride them to school more than two-thirds of the time. Major reasons for lower bike use appears to be distance, weather and safety concerns. Heavy traffic and narrow roads make bicycle commuting unappealing for many students. People bike to campus primarily

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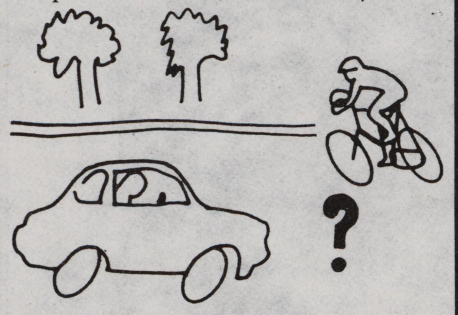
for health, economic and environmental reasons.

Slightly over half the respondents use the bus and approximately one-quarter buy bus passes. Though overall students were satisfied with the bus service to university, the need for better service from the Western Communities, Fairfield, James Bay and Vic West was noted. Other common recommendations were extending the hours of certain routes and providing express service at peak hours.

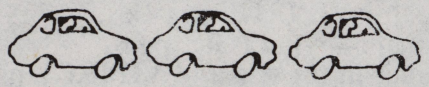
From the data, car-pooling is an under-utilized transportation option. Only 25 per cent of students reported sharing a ride to campus at any time and only 1per cent reported always sharing a ride to campus. Different schedules, work



commitments and errands make consistent car-pooling unpalatable to most drivers.

Many thanks to all who helped distribute and enter the surveys: Johanna Mantsinan (200 surveys entered!), Angus Forsyth, Neil Topham, Lynn Broughton, Jon Roberts, Aaron Beauchene, Andrew Gage, Carrie and Simon. Also thanks to Ed Woodard and Mark Szekely for their computer programming, and Richard in the Cornett Stats Lab for his tireless and patient assistance. And thanks to Peiman Abdi for volunteering his energy and expertise on the correlative analysis we requested.

Anyone with experience in statistical analysis is more than welcome to help us out! Contact the VIPIRG office at 721-8629 for more information. Happy commuting!■



HOUSING

VIPIRG lobbies municipalities for improved student housing

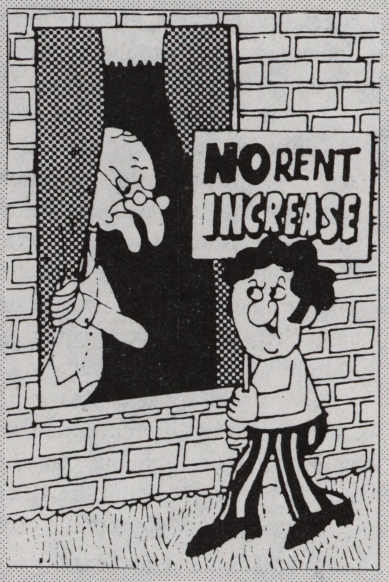
By Kelly Abeysinghe

Last spring and summer, the Capital Regional District carried out a study of housing issues in the area. The study, "Maintaining theAffordable Community," made over 30 recommendations to the municipalities, and the provincial and federal governments. VIPIRG and the UVSS are currently making recommendations to the municipalities regarding housing issues for students.

While many of the reccomendations the CRD study makes are valuable, the Housing Committee is concentrating on a few areas of concern.

AFFORDABILITY

Unfortunately, any discussion of student housing issues must be prefaced with a discussion of student poverty issues. The increase in education costs has been caused by many different changes in federal, provincial and institutional policy. For the most part, they have been caused by the unwillingness of governments at all levels to commit to quality, accessible education that is affordable. Further, basic increases in the cost of living, in all its aspects, have deepened the crisis students now face.



Based on the National Council of Welfare's estimated poverty line, which represents the minimum required to live in an urban area, students on student loans and earning minimum wage during the summer of 1989, lived $400 per month below the poverty line.

The maximum student loan allocation for single students at the University is $7140. Tuition consumes $1620; books and supplies consume at least $600. The remaining $4920, or $615 per month covers all other living expenses including rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, medical, dental, emergencies, and entertainment. Students with children live on $1061 per month after tuition and books.

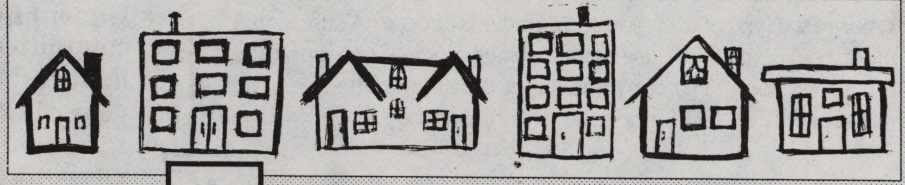
We encourage the municipalities and the CRD to communicate to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training that student financial assistance needs to accurately reflect the cost of living.

ACCESSIBILITY

As the CRD's report states, basement suites tend to be rented for lower rates.

We support a region-wide legalisation of basement suites, not only as a means of providing affordable housing but to keep affordable housing from being concentrated in particular areas. If municipalities legalise basement suites, and in particular, also apply restrictions that are financially prohibitive for lower-income homeowners who wish to build a basement suite, provincial low-interest or interest-free loans will be necessary for building costs.

Currently, government subsidized social housing and policy at the municipal level does not reflect the fact that more than 20 000 students live and study in the CRD with very little financial ability to find housing. There is no current policy to deal with the low income group of students.



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Perhaps this reflects an oversight, or maybe it is demonstrative of the discrimination students face as a constituency. The municipalities seem to want to avoid the development of a student community. This attitude is unique to Victoria: most university and college cities have a concentration of student housing developments around the campus.

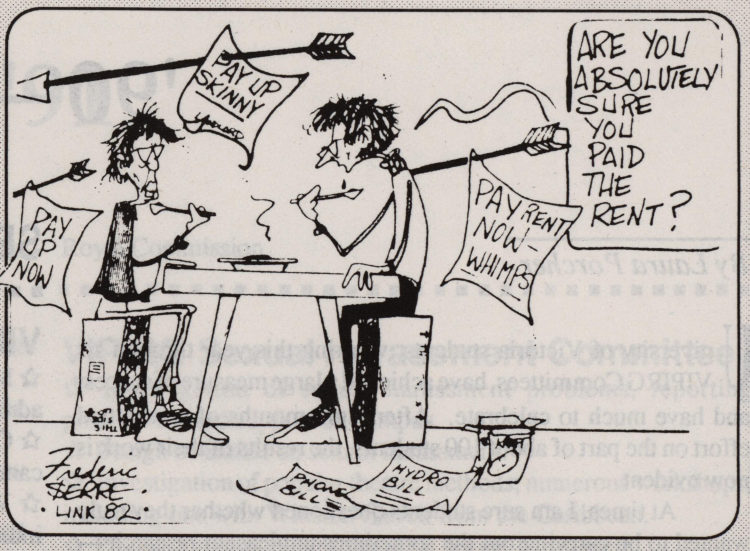
However, this does not eliminate the possibility of creating housing projects throughout the region for students. Further, it would be helpful if the municipalities would work with the university, college, and their respective students' societies to build housing co-operatives, or to convert apartment buildings for this purpose.

We encourage the municipalities to support the recommendation in the CRD report requiring mandatory inclusion of affordable rental or ownership units in all housing developments over a certain size. The municipalities and the CRD should encourage, by all means necessary, the integration of all citizens into every community. The municipalities and the CRD should encourage the development of housing which, in and of itself, is community and human oriented.

TENANT RIGHTS

Renters with little or no flexibility in their budgets are painfully aware that their rights fluctuate with the market. With many options available tenants are more able to exercise what rights they have: with the loss of options tenants are subject to the benevolence of the owner of their suite.

In a tight market, tenants living in poor conditions, being evicted or being harassed by their landowner do not have much recourse. They need the time and/or the $30 to take their case to arbitration. They also need to have proof of any problem: photocopies of letters they sent to their landowner regarding repairs, photographs of damage and so on. Many tenants do not wish to interface with their landowner in such a manner. They hope to keep the relationship comfortable so they are not evicted at some point in the future.



Further, tenants must know their rights in order to meet the various deadlines laid out in the arbitration process. Very little is done by the municipality or the province to inform persons about the legislation affecting them. In the current climate, with limited rights under the Residential Tenancy Act, the tenant is definitely in a powerless position.

The municipalities and Capital Region District should endorse the implementation of adequate, accessible and fair tenant/landowner rights. The municipalities should make grants available to a tenant's rights group. A tenants rights advocacy group will aid tenants in dealing with unscrupulous landowners, know their own responsibilities as renters, and aid the municipalities in understanding the needs of the rental community in the region. It recognises the fundamental role of advocacy in a participatory democracy.

The CRD and its member municipalities need to take the necessary steps to aid persons who cannot create a market themselves and are reliant upon a market that expands to include them. This includes creative use of land, development of long term plans for housing in the area, and the education of the public on housing issues. ■

RECYCLING

Three members on VP's committee

By Laura Porcher

First, VIPIRG would like to congratulate Recycling Committee Coordinator, **Dayna Christ**, on her recent election to the UVic Students Society. Only two days after her election, UVSS appointed her to the Vice-President's new Recycling Committee. VIPIRG Board Liaison for Recycling, **Barb Kavanagh**, will officially represent the Graduate Students' Society; and **Mike Rowling** will represent VIPIRG. While it may seem like VIPIRG infiltration (!), it is clear that these individuals have demonstrated their commitment to recycling throughout this year.

Needless to say, VIPIRG is very pleased that Trevor Matthews, Vice-President of Administration, has formed a new Recycling Committee to address waste reduction strategies!

We recently were pleased to host Trish Glanfield from Simon Fraser University, and to learn all about how our sister organization, BCPIRG at SFU, is involved in campus recycling. Trish has an infectious zeal for recycling, which rubbed off on all of us. As she left, we were more committed than ever to assisting our administration to institute new recycling procedures.

We found that UVic has some advantages over SFU, in that our administration is responsible for campus waste; we have not contracted out this responsibility, so have total control over — and responsibility for — improvements.

Many thanks to Trish for taking the time to give us tips on funding procedures, and what not to do in establishing recycling procedures. And thanks also to **Kaaren Christ** for providing such a superb luncheon for our guest and our committee!■

WATCH FOR NOTEPAPER RECYCLING BINS ON CAMPUS THROUGHOUT EXAM PERIOD

'90 — A Year of Succ

By Laura Porcher

University of Victoria students, working this year through six VIPIRG Committees, have achieved a large measure of success and have much to celebrate. After eight months of committed effort on the part of about 100 students, the results of their work is now evident.

At times, I am sure students questioned whether they truly wanted to be carrying out the sometimes unpleasant research — sorting dumpster after dumpster of garbage for the Recycling Committee waste-stream analysis, trying to learn new statistical analysis programs by staring down computers in the stats. lab for the reproductive technology and transportation survey results, embarrassing oneself in front of 30 other people at a VIPIRG popular theatre workshop to learn skills for sexual harassment theatre, researching student housing problems and mustering the courage to stand up at city council meetings to voice student housing concerns!

But the results of these committee efforts have been outstanding. This edition of *VIPIRG VIBES* includes short articles from each committee, but a summary of our year's highlights are as follows:

SEP.'90 - APR.'91 VIPIRG HIGHLIGHTS

VIPIRG Recycling Committee

☆ Meetings with the Vice-President of Administration to support administration efforts in campus recycling.

☆ Co-ordination of an information meeting in October '90 of all campus administrators involved with campus waste.

☆ Waste-stream analysis: Pilot project in Nov. '90 to get initial indication of proportion of recyclable materials in garbage from a variety of campus buildings.

☆ Individual meetings with all areas of administration to determine what recycling efforts are already underway, what they each need in order to initiate further programs, and how VIPIRG can assist in these efforts.

☆ Weekly notepaper recycling table in the University Centre, offering recycling information to students and staff.

Light Rail Transit for Victoria?

By Aaron Beauchene

Last month, the VIPIRG Transportation Committee sponsered an on campus presentation by the Greater Victoria Electric Railway Society (GVERS). The GVERS is a non-profit group supporting rail travel for Victoria and Vancouver Island. The presentation discussed current lobbying efforts for a light rail transit (LRT) system for Greater Victoria.

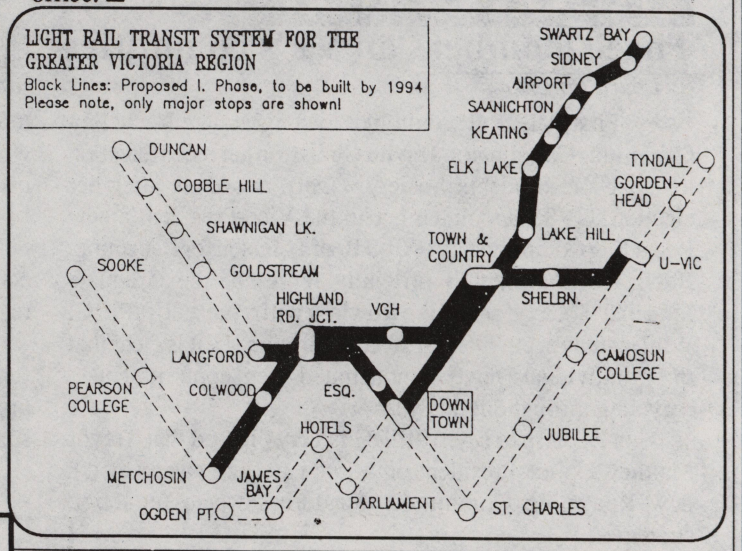
"Victoria has two heavy traffic corridors, downtown to the western communities and downtown to Swartz Bay. Existing E&N and CNR rail right-of-ways along these corridors, in part, make Victoria ideally suited for LRT," said Bill MacDonald, GVERS president.

Unlike Vancouver's SkyTrain which uses an electrified "third rail", LRT uses a less expensive overhead powerline allowing cars and pedestrians to cross safely. LRT is known to attract more riders than other mass transit systems because of its smooth, quiet ride and clean, safe image. For instance, the implementation of LRT systems in Calgary and Portland has been phenomenally successful.

The GVERS promotes LRT as an economical, environmentally friendly transportation alternative to simply building more highways.

VIPIRG opposes highway expansions and supports the investigation of alternatives such as LRT.

New members and volunteer support are always welcomed by the GVERS. For more information, contact Bill MacDonald at 478-2639. For general information on LRT, drop by the VIPIRG office. ■



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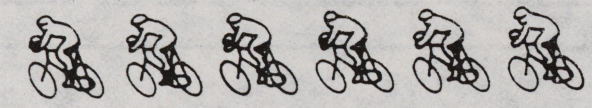
☆ Lug-a-Mug day March 22, where cafeterias agreed to offer no disposable cups.
☆ Notepaper recycling bins throughout exam period.
☆ Representation of UVic in B.C. association of recycling institutions.
☆ Visit by SFU Recycling Coordinator, Trish Glanfield, to UVic to meet with various administrators and VIPIRG.
☆ Investigation of federal and provincial funding sources for new initiatives in campus recycling.
☆ Co-operation of Tom Rimmer, Centre for Sustainable Regional Development, with VIPIRG to develop funding applications on behalf of VIPIRG and UVic Administration.
☆ Emergence in March '91 of new Administration Recycling Committee!

VIPIRG Transportation Committee

☆ Establishment of carpool program; sign up on VIPIRG office door!
☆ Survey of students to determine how to encourage more use of feet, bikes, and busses — and less use of cars!
☆ Survey results are coming off the printers now and will be used in next year's lobbying efforts.
☆ Public presentation by Greater Victoria Electric Railway Society.



☆ Initial discussions with B.C. Transit regarding improving bus service.
☆ Discussions with Saanich Municipality regarding their new Cycling Committee.
☆ Networking with Greater Victoria Cylcing Coalition and other cycling groups.
☆ Suggested Pat Bay highway design to accommodate cyclists.
☆ Planning next year's lobbying campaign.

VIPIRG Reproductive Technologies Committee

☆ Investigation of federal Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies.
☆ Education of committee members about new reproductive technologies.
☆ Design of survey to investigate student opinion on ethics and legislation of various technologies.
☆ Compilation of (vast quantities of) results!
☆ Submission of VIPIRG Brief on Reproductive Technologies to Royal Commission.

VIPIRG Sexual Harassment Committee

☆ Investigation of sexual harassment problems, reporting procedures, and support on campus.
☆ Design of leaflet on sexual harassment.
☆ Investigation of popular theatre methods; numerous workshops, including one with Winston Farrell from the Caribbean.
☆ Production of popular theatre on sexual harassment.
☆ Performance indoors and outdoors throughout International Women's Week.
☆ Development of a video and report so that methods used could be repeated by other interested groups.

VIPIRG Housing Committee

☆ Presentation of initial brief to Capital Regional District housing study consultants.
☆ UVic student forum on housing
☆ Organization of workshop with street youth regarding housing needs of students and street youth.
☆ Development of extensive recommendations for presentation to CRD and member municipalities.
☆ Attendance at Tenants' Coalition meeting in Vancouver.

Community Research Needs

☆ Initial investigation of faculty support for linking community needs with student research projects.
☆ Initial survey of research needs of women's organizations.
☆ This project was found to be an excellent idea but highly complex; it was postponed until VIPIRG has an opportunity to design a workable communication system for this linking process.

Other VIPIRG Activities

☆ Two skills training workshops.
☆ Popular theatre workshop with Winston Farrell.
☆ Slide show by Claire Heffernan on green campus initiatives.
☆ Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future: UVic student and community perspectives.
☆ Public statement on misleading military recruitment advertising.
☆ Board and work study retreat for planning.
☆ Funding of student research outside of VIPIRG Committees:
- Green campus initiatives at Davis California
- Campaign to return porcelain dishes to UVic cafeterias
- Publication of directory of UVic courses on international development issues (WUSC)

Committee performs popular theatre

By Liz Nash

Not only was the creation and production of the VIPIRG sexual harassment theatre fufilling, but the comments and responses which followed our performances made our efforts truly worthwhile. Positive feedback from both students and faculty were abundant. We feel that we have helped increase awareness of sexual harassment on campus for both others and ourselves.

We've also heard from several women who have taken action against sexual harrassment. The committee has produced a pamphlet on sexual harrassment—what it is and what services are available—which anyone can pick up at the VIPIRG office.

"Although this endeavor took months of hard work, the outcome was rewarding," said committee co-ordinator Stacey Chapel.

Committee member Florence Ballard said, "The experience was invaluable to me. It has sparked other similar projects on social issues and inspired those around me take action on this issue."

As many of our members will be at UVic next year, we hope to carry on working together on similar projects and will be looking for new students interested in joining the committee.■

VIPIRG popular theatre group: Stacey Chappel, Shirley Lee, Wendy Baker, Florence Ballard, John Roberts, and Liz Nash.

Sexual Harrassment on campus

(excert from VIPIRG sexual harassment pamphlet)

Sexual harrassment is unwelcome sexual advances of any kind, whether verbal, written, or physical. Harrassing behaviour also includes conduct which has the effect of creating an intimidating hostile or offensive environment.

Sexual harassment is not the fault of the victim, nor is it a response to an individual's sexuality. It is an abuse of power or evidence of a need to intimidate and have power over others. It is demeaning and attacks the dignity and self-respect of the victim.

Sometimes a person's success, either on the job or at school, may be conditional on the person's acceptance of harassing behaviour. Sometimes the harassment creates an unpleasant and hostile environment, although the harasser is not in a position to directly affect the success of the harassed person. No matter what form the harassment takes, it is wrong and no person should have to tolerate it.

Sexual harassment ranges from the very subtle to the very obvious.

For example, it includes:
- unwanted and inappropriate sexual jokes;
- sexually explicit body language;
- embarrassing or suggestive comments;
- unwelcome personal questions about one's sex life;
- displaying of pornographic material;
- unwanted touching or fondling;
- sexual assault.

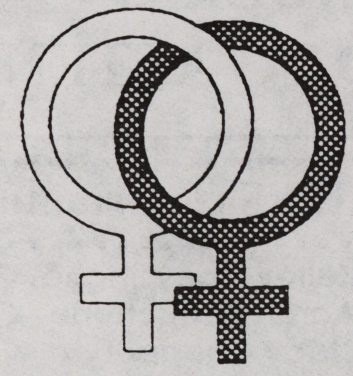
Sexual harassment on Canadian campuses is a problem many people don't see or don't believe exists. Incidence rates vary with the definitions of sexual harassment used by the researchers. Sexual harassment, recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada as a form of gender oppression, is an experience shared by the vast majority of women in our society. Almost 100 per cent of female students will encounter gender oppression during their studies. The reporting rates of sexual harassment, at zero to three per cent, do not even begin to reflect the extent of the problem...

Committee presents brief to commission

By Stacey Chappel

The VIPIRG Reproductive Technologies Committee was made up of Renée Prasad, Barb Kavanagh, and Stacey Chappel. We recently completed a brief for the federal Royal Commission on new reproductive technologies. The brief reports campus opinion on the following: in vitro fertilization, sex selection, contract motherhood, ultrasound, fetal heart monitoring, and amniocentesis. Information was gathered through a survey of UVic students, faculty, and staff in November 1990.

"A lot of students felt they should have more information available to them on these issues," Prassad said. "Even if they had heard of the techniques, they didn't know that certain ones were being practised in Canada. For example, there was a common misconception that sex selection was available in countries like India and China, but not Canada."



When asked what she enjoyed most about working on the brief, Prassad slaughed, "Typing out all those comments!"

People wishing to read the brief can get a copy at the VIPIRG office. ■

Summer at VIPIRG

The end of the "school year" at UVic does not mean VIPIRG ceases its activities. Summer is the time in which VIPIRG develops its projects for implementation in September, usually at a Board of Directors/Staff retreat.

"If all goes as planned we will hire a number of staff to prepare for next year's activities. VIPIRG is applying for four Challenge Job grants," said VIPIRG co-ordinator Laura Porcher.

The federal government's job creation Challenge program subsidizes the summer salary of returning post-secondary students to increase student employment, particularly employment which develops the skills of the student. The federal government provides $5.00 per hour per job, which VIPIRG will 'top up' to $7.15 per hour.

"We encourage students on campus to drop by the office in April to see if our grants have been approved," continues Porcher. "The jobs will be exciting and will provide solid training for students."

"Planning is the key to our success during the school year," said Kelley Abeysinghe, Resource Coordinator at VIPIRG. "Volunteers and staff will be preparing a recruitment drive for the fall semester, planning training and skills development seminars for VIPIRG volunteers, drafting the budget, and laying out the calendar of events for the year," Abeysinghe concludes.

Research will also be carried out by student staff members to help the committees operate efficiently in the fall. This research will include investigating the municipal decision-making process in the Capital Region District to aid VIPIRG volunteers in their education and advocacy efforts. Preliminary research on topics chosen by active VIPIRG members will facilitate committee progress in the fall.

"We will also spend the summer restructuring our resource centre," said Abeysinghe. "Unfortunately, our material is generally out of date, unorganised and not as 'alternative' as it could be," she continued. "We don't want to duplicate research materials already available on campus. We would also like to develop information on research methodologies."

"Students doing research on campus next year will find our resource centre more useful than they have this year," adds Porcher. "Of course, with our limited space, it is difficult to meet the research needs of every student, but we will do our best."

"We have a lot of work to do this summer," concludes Abeysinghe. "Any student wanting to get involved as a volunteer or staff person is welcome to drop by. The membership is also encouraged to bring ideas in for next year's activities. ■

Green Tip:

Drive 10per cent slower and use 19 per cent less fuel.

Some people believe that driving from point A to point B requires the same amount of fuel regardless of speed. Many people believe that driving twice as fast requires twice as much fuel per trip(i.e. from point A to point B). Neither of these assertions are true.

Driving twice as fast requires four times as much fuel per trip. For reasonably high speeds(> 25km/h) wind resistence is the dominant factor effecting energy consumption. Wind resistence is proportional to the square of the velocity of the object (two times as fast means two squared or four times as much fuel). The same is true for driving 10 per cent slower (.09 times as fast and using 19 per cent les fuel (.09 squared or .81 times as much fuel). ■

VIPIRG Annual General Meeting
April 10, 12:30 p.m.

Every year, VIPIRG holds a general meeting of the membership. The Board of Directors presents its report of the year's activities, the treasurer presents the financial statements and the audit, and the auditor is appointed for the year.

This year, the VIPIRG Board is submitting amendments to the VIPIRG Constitution and Bylaws to the General Meeting. For the most part, the amendments are basic housekeeping measures: eliminating redundancies between the Societies Act and the constitution, consolidating different Bylaws, and making it internally consistant in terms of wording, definitions and numbering.

The General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1991 in the Cinecenta. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Special Green Campus Iniatives Slide Show

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Proposed Constitutional Changes

The recommended revisions are primarily to consolidate various related by-laws and to improve the coherance of the Constitution and Bylaws both internally and with the UVSS/VIPIRG contract, the B.C. Society Act, the B.C. Company Act and other VIPIRG governing documents.

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS:

1) The notice requirement of upcoming general meetings has been increased from 14 days to 28 days to allow members wanting to submit additional agenda items to comply with the requirement that such additional items be presented to the Board 21 days prior to the general meeting.
2) The Officer position of Liason Officer has been removed.
3) The description of contents and timetable of the Twelve Month Plan have been removed from the Bylaws and placed in VIPIRG Policy Guidelines.
4) The specific terms of employment of VIPIRG staff have been removed from the Bylaws and will be outlined during each hiring process in the form of Job Descriptions and Employment Contracts.
5) The Bylaw dealing with indemification of Directors has been repealed.
6) The Rules of Order used by the Society will now be determined each year.

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